

2002

W I S C O N S I N General Hunting Regulations

Small Game • Deer • Upland Game • General Hunting Rules*

Statewide Youth Deer Hunt . . .



. . . see page 45 for details!

*This pamphlet gives you a summary of Wisconsin's important hunting laws and how they affect you; it is not a complete set of laws.



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What's New for 2002?

- A one-day antlerless youth firearm hunt is being held on October 26 in all non-Zone T deer management units for hunters ages 12-15. ALL HUNTERS MUST WEAR BLAZE ORANGE on this day, except waterfowl hunters! See page 45 for details!
- The early archery season is extended by 4 days in all deer management units to include the Monday-Thursday during the week before the deer gun opener.
- The late archery season is extended and will continue through January 3rd in non-Metro Units, and January 31st in Metro-Units. See tables on pages 38-41.
- The muzzleloader season has been extended to 10 days. This year the muzzleloader season will extend from December 2-11. See tables on pages 38-41.
- Zone T hunts will be held in 45 deer management units. See pages 48-49 for a list of units and season framework and permit details.
- All deer harvested with a firearm or bow must be registered in the deer management unit of kill or adjacent unit. See page 47.
- Rifles are now legal to use during the first two days of the deer firearms season in: Buffalo, Trempealeau and Pepin County portions of Unit 61, Jackson, La Crosse and Monroe County portions of 59D and the La Crosse County portion of 74A.
- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) information. See pages 50-51.
- Residents 65 years of age and older may hunt deer and small game with a crossbow using an archery license and without a special permit. See page 24.
- When transporting a tagged deer from the time of harvest until it is registered, the deer is no longer required to be showing or exposed.
- Internet license sales and special permit applications to save you time and money.

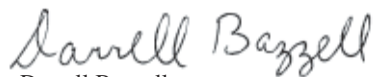
We hope you find our new general hunting regulation pamphlet easier to read, use and understand. Some of the changes we've incorporated are:

- Larger maps and maps located next to the information they refer to
- More room for a clearer explanation of regulations
- More charts to present information more clearly
- Special interest sections such as Hunter Safety and Landowner sections
- Tabs at the edge of the pages to help you find the information you want quicker
- One stop shopping! – We've tried to put all the information you need on a specific hunting season or species on the same or adjacent pages.

In addition to the newly organized sections, by changing our format we have saved sports men and women over \$40,000 that can be reallocated for use on other wildlife management related activities!

We hope you find the new organization, presentation, and size of the regulations useful. What could we change to make it even better next year? Give us a call at (608) 267-2452 and let us know what you think or send us an e-mail by visiting the DNR website at www.dnr.state.wi.us.

Have a safe and successful hunting season.



Darrell Bazzell
Secretary, Department of Natural Resources

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4 License, Stamp and Privilege Information

| License | Resident | Non-Resident | Privileges Included | Availability |
|---|----------|--------------|--|--------------|
| Conservation Patron | \$110 | \$575 | Small Game, Spring and Fall Turkey Licenses and Stamp, Pheasant Stamp, Deer Firearm, Archery, Fishing, Sturgeon Spearing, Trapping (not included with Non-resident), State Fishing and Waterfowl Stamps, Most Permit Fees, DNR Magazine Subscription, Vehicle Admission to State Parks and Related Areas (Including State Trial Pass). | A, O, SC |
| Sports | \$43 | \$240 | General Fishing, Small Game, Deer Firearm | A, O, SC |
| Deer Firearm | \$20 | \$135 | Deer with Firearm | A, O, SC |
| Deer Hunter's Choice Application | \$3 | \$3 | See Page 44 for an explanation and availability. | A, O, SC |
| Bonus Antlerless Deer Permit | \$12 | \$20 | See Page 44 for an explanation and availability. | A, O, SC |
| Archery | \$20 | \$135 | Small Game, Deer, and Unprotected Species may be harvested with a bow. | A, O, SC |
| Small Game | \$14 | \$75 | Small Game, Bobcat, and Unprotected Species may be harvested with a firearm and bow. | A, O, SC |
| Jr. Small Game (Ages 12-17) | \$8 | N/A | Small Game, Bobcat, and Unprotected Species may be harvested with a firearm and bow. | A, O, SC |
| Sr. Citizen Small Game (Age 65 or Over) | \$7 | N/A | Small Game, Bobcat, and Unprotected Species may be harvested with a firearm and bow. | A, O, SC |
| 5-Day Small Game | N/A | \$43 | Small game, excluding furbearing animals (see definition on page 60), hunted with a firearm or a bow during a specified, consecutive 5-day period. | A, O, SC |
| Furbearing Animal Hunting | N/A | \$150 | Hunt Skunk, Raccoon, Fox, Weasel, Opossum, Coyote and Bobcat with a firearm or bow. | A, O, SC |

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| Armed Forces Small Game | FREE | N/A | Hunt small game, bobcat (requires permit) and unprotected species with a firearm or bow and arrow. (See Page 8 for stamp exemptions) | SC |
| Turkey Stamp | \$5.25 | \$5.25 | Required in addition to the appropriate spring or fall turkey hunting license. One stamp covers both spring and fall seasons. | A,O,SC |
| Waterfowl Stamp | \$7 | \$7 | Required (in addition to the Federal Waterfowl Stamp) for waterfowl hunting in addition to a small game, archery or sports license for hunters 16 years old and older (See page 7 & 8 for exemptions). | A, O, SC |
| Pheasant Stamp | \$7.25 | \$7.25 | Required to hunt pheasant in pheasant management counties (see map on page 13) in addition to a small game, archery or sports license (See page 7 & 8 for exemptions) | A, O, SC |
| Sharp-tailed Grouse Application | \$3 | \$3 | Must be submitted to be eligible in the drawing for a permit required for hunting Sharp-tailed grouse. | A, O, SC |
| Bobcat Application | \$3 | \$3 | Must be submitted to be eligible in the drawing for a tag and permit required for hunting and trapping bobcat. | A, O, SC |
| HIP (See Definition page 58) | \$0 | \$0 | Yearly registration required of all hunters who wish to hunt migratory game birds (including woodcock). | A, O, SC |
| Bear (Incl. Application, Class A and B Permits) | | | See Bear Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for Details* | A, O, SC |
| Spring Turkey | | | See Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for Details* | A, O, SC |
| Fall Turkey | | | See Fall Turkey Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for Details* | A, O, SC |
| Trapping | | | See Trapping Regulations Pamphlet for Details* | A, O, SC |

*Available at DNR Service Centers and Online at www.dnr.state.wi.us

A = Any authorized license vendor (ALIS Terminal) or over the phone at 1-877-WI LICENSE.

O = Over the computer Online at [http:// www.dnr.state.wi.us](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us)

SC = Service Centers listed on page 63.

Licensing and Stamp Requirements:

- Hunters must carry a valid hunting license and necessary stamp privilege on their person while engaged in hunting and exhibited to a Warden upon request.
- Persons born on or after January 1, 1973 must present their hunter education certificate, last year's license, or proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard to purchase any hunting license. *Contact your local DNR office for hunter education courses.*
- A certificate for successful completion of a bow hunter education course can be used to purchase an archery license.
- It is illegal to allow someone else to use or carry your license or tag, or for you to use or carry some other person's license or tag when engaged in hunting.
- No person less than 12 years old may obtain a license which authorizes hunting.
- To receive a duplicate license, you must turn in all remaining parts of the lost license to a license vendor. (Available from any license sales agent)

Effective Dates:

- All hunting licenses are effective immediately after purchase and with the opening of the specific seasons except the following:
 - Archery licenses purchased after the open season for deer begins, are not valid until 3 days after the purchase, excluding day of purchase (Example: A license purchased on a Monday is valid on Thursday), except for **resident** members of the U.S. armed forces who exhibits proof that they are on furlough or leave.
 - Non-resident 5-day small game licenses, which are valid beginning on the date specified on the license and for 5 consecutive days thereafter.
- Gun deer licenses must be purchased prior to the gun deer season, except a **resident** gun deer license may be purchased during the season by:
 - Residents who have completed a hunter safety course and turn 12 years old during the season.
 - Resident members of the U.S. armed forces stationed outside Wisconsin who exhibit proof that they are on furlough or leave.
 - Non-resident members of the U.S. armed forces who exhibits proof of active service with the armed forces **and** they are stationed in this state.
- All 2002 hunting licenses expire on March 31, 2003 with the exception of the Non-resident 5-day small game license, which expires on date stated on license.

Resident Licenses:

To purchase a resident hunting license:

- a person must have maintained a permanent residence in this state for 30 consecutive days immediately before purchasing a license. Domiciliary intent is required. Mere presence in the state for a 30-day period or ownership of property is not sufficient to establish residency. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes where the person votes, pays personal income taxes, or obtains a driver's license.

Purchase of a resident deer, sports or small game license is allowed for:

- full-time undergraduate students in residence at a public or private Wisconsin college or university offering a bachelor's degree, foreign citizens residing in the state and attending a Wisconsin high school or a university agricultural short course, and non-residents who exhibit proof they are in active service with the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Wisconsin.

Applications for Special Permit Programs:

The following special permits, acquired through an application and drawing process, are required in addition to hunting (or trapping) licenses and/or stamps to pursue these species. The current programs are:

| Program: | Application Deadline: |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hunter's Choice/ Bonus (Deer) | July 20 |
| Regular Season Goose | August 10 |
| Fall Turkey | August 10 |
| Sharp-tailed Grouse | August 10 |
| Bobcat | September 10 |
| Otter | September 10 |
| Fisher | September 10 |
| Spring Turkey | December 10 |
| Bear | January 17, 2003 |

These drawings are administered using a cumulative preference system. Applicants accumulate preference points by applying and being unsuccessful in a drawing. The following year, assuming they file a valid application, they are drawn in a preferred status. No additional points are accumulated in years in which a valid application is not received. For more information, visit our website at www.dnr.state.wi.us, call the main DNR line at (608) 266-2621, or call your local DNR Service Center.

Internet License Sales and Applications:

Now both resident and non-resident customers can purchase their hunting licenses and submit their special permit applications via the Internet. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the DNR website at www.dnr.state.wi.us. Licenses that do not have a back tag, carcass tag, or harvest report card can even be printed at home (other licenses will be delivered by mail within 7 days). When submitting special permit applications, the customer will receive an immediate, printable confirmation that their application data was received. Visit the DNR website, or call (608) 266-2621 for more information.

Resident Hunter Education Graduates:

First time resident Hunter Education Graduates are entitled to the following:

- Free small game hunting privileges until March 31st of the calendar year following the year of graduation. Your hunter education card acts as your license, no additional documentation required.
- Exemption from purchasing the pheasant and **state** waterfowl stamp privileges during the period in which the small game hunting privilege is free.
- May harvest an antlerless deer with their regular gun deer license, in the deer season immediately following graduation, in the following designated areas: all deer management units state wide except the Loew Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, State Park units, Fort McCoy, Unit 48 (Menomonee Reservation), and all non-quota units (see definition on page 61). The antlerless deer must be tagged with the graduate's valid gun deer carcass tag, and the hunter must possess proof of hunter education graduation.
- Graduates turning 12 after the start of the gun deer season are eligible to purchase a deer hunting license during the season.

Armed Forces Members:

Armed Forces Members are entitled to the following:

- Anyone able to provide proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces (Reserves or National Guard) is exempt from the Hunter Education requirements.
- Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces who exhibit proof of active service with the Armed Forces and that they are stationed in the state **or** is a resident on furlough or leave, **may purchase a gun deer license during the gun deer season.**

If a Wisconsin Resident:

- A **U.S. Armed Forces member** who exhibits proof that he or she is:
 1. A **Resident**,
 2. In **active service** with the Armed Forces, and
 3. Is on **furlough or leave**, may receive a **free small game license** (available only at DNR Service Centers. See Page 63). **Note: The state waterfowl and pheasant stamps are not required with this free license.**
- A **U.S. Armed Forces member** who exhibits proof of:
 2. **Active service** with the Armed Forces and that they are
 2. **Stationed in the state, or**
 3. Is a **Resident on furlough or leave, are exempt from the three day waiting period** for resident archery and resident Conservation Patron licenses purchased after the season opener.
- Armed Forces members holding a current **resident** deer license, who can exhibit proof while hunting and registering a deer that they are:
 1. **Wisconsin Residents**,
 2. In **active service** with the Armed Forces **outside this state**, and
 3. Is on **furlough or leave, may harvest a deer of either sex during any firearm deer season** established by the department.

IF A NON-RESIDENT:

- **Non-resident active duty** U.S. Armed Forces members **stationed in Wisconsin** may purchase a **resident gun deer, sports, and small game license.**

Senior Citizen Recreation Card Holders:

The Senior Citizen Recreation Card is a former approval that has not been offered since 1991. It conveys lifetime privileges to the holder as outlined below as long as the holder possesses the card.

The Senior Citizen Recreation Card includes:

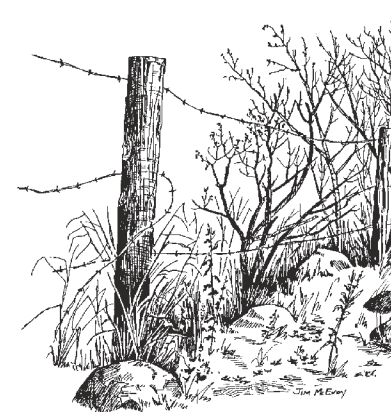
Small game hunting privileges, fishing privileges, state park sticker and state trail access, spring and fall turkey hunting privileges, turkey stamp privileges, state waterfowl stamp privileges, pheasant stamp privileges, Great Lakes Trout and Salmon stamp and Inland Trout stamp privileges.

The Senior Citizen Recreation Card does not include:

Federal Migratory Bird Stamp, Early Goose Permit, Exterior Goose Permit, Regular (Horicon or Collins) Goose application, Fall or Spring Turkey application, Sharptail Grouse application, or Sturgeon Spearing license.

Private Lands and Landowner Information:

License Requirements: A landowner is required to have a license to hunt deer, bear, game birds, bobcat and unprotected species or to trap otter, muskrat, mink or fishers. The owner or occupant of any land and any family member 12 years old and over living with them, may, **without a license** and subject to all other restrictions except seasons, hunt or trap on their own property for beaver, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, woodchucks, rabbits, and squirrels year-round; however, hunting is not allowed during the 24-hour period immediately preceding the gun deer season.



Liability: Under sec. 895.52 of the Wisconsin Statutes, landowners are generally immune from liability for injuries received by individuals recreating on their lands. This law provides liability protection for landowners from injury or death of individuals occurring when participating in outdoor recreation activities on their land such as fishing, hunting, trapping, hiking, camping, boating and berry picking. This immunity does not apply when the landowner receives more than \$2,000 a year income from the recreation activity or when the landowner acted maliciously with an intent to harm the recreator. There also is an exception for social guests invited specifically for an occasion on residential or platted property or property within 300 feet of a commercial building or structure. Courts have consistently interpreted this statute to protect landowners in furtherance of its purpose, to encourage landowners to allow others to recreate on their lands.

Trespassing: Individuals entering a landowner's property without the consent of the landowner are trespassing and can be fined up to \$1,000. Landowners suspecting that individuals are trespassing on their property should contact their local Sheriff or other local law enforcement. **Note: Conservation wardens do not have the authority to investigate trespassing complaints.**

Special Permits (Farm Owners): Eligible resident farm owners can receive one free bonus permit in units that have bonus permits available after the mail-in application and allocation process is complete. The farm owner must first purchase a bonus permit in order to get one free permit. To qualify, a majority of the land on the farm must be used on a commercial basis and for an agricultural purpose to provide income. If there are joint owners or vendee names under a land contract, only one of the owners is eligible for the free bonus permit.

Managed Forest Lands: Landowners enrolled in either the Forest Crop Law or the Managed Forest Law programs are not required to remove elevated tree stands daily (from land they own as long as no damage is done to the tree). This exception can also be granted to other individuals using the landowner's property with the landowners prior permission. In addition, owners of land enrolled in these programs and individuals authorized by the landowner can operate vehicles and park on these lands.

Small Game Animal Hunting Seasons & Regulations

| Species | Daily Bag | Area | 2002-2003 | |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|---------|
| | | | Opens | Closes |
| Squirrels-Gray and Fox | 5 | Statewide | Sept. 14 | Jan. 31 |
| Cottontail Rabbit | 3 | North Zone (see Map) | Sept. 14 | Feb. 28 |
| | 3 | South Zone (see Map) | Oct. 19 (Noon) | Feb. 28 |
| Jack Rabbit | 3 | Statewide | Oct. 19 (Noon) | Nov. 15 |
| Snowshoe Hare | Unlimited | Statewide | Year-round open season | |

Possession Limits: twice the daily bag limit.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset (see tables on pages 34-37 for exact times).

Note: Possession of loaded or uncased firearms is prohibited on November 22, 2002 unless at a shooting game farm, established range or while waterfowl hunting.

Licenses/Stamps/Permits: Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required. (See Pages 7-9 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals and landowners.)

Weapons:

Rifles must have an overall 26" minimum length with 16" minimum barrel length. Note: There is no restriction on rifle caliber size or shell holding capacity, *except* in "shotgun season" areas during the regular gun deer season and the October and December Zone T herd control seasons (see page 22).

Shotguns must have an overall 26" minimum length with 18" minimum barrel length and when used for the above listed small game animals are not restricted by gauge size or shell holding capacity.

Muzzleloaders of any caliber discharged from the shoulder are legal for above species.



Handguns and Pellet guns .177 caliber and larger with minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin (or to the breech face in the case of muzzleloading handguns) are legal for the small game species listed on page 10.

Fully Automatic firearms are *not* legal to possess or use for hunting.

Bow and Arrows are legal to use with either a small game license or archery license. There is *no* restriction on draw weight for longbow, recurve or compound bows for small game. Blunt tips or broad-heads may be used.

Crossbows are not legal to use except by the following:

1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B or Crossbow permit,
2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads.

Vehicles - All firearms must be unloaded and legally cased when in or on any vehicle. Bows and crossbows must be unstrung or legally cased whenever in or on a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters (see page 31).

Ammunition:

- Illegal to possess or control shotshells loaded with single slug or ball while hunting except during the open gun deer season.
- Illegal to possess while hunting, shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 3 (or June 1 - Dec. 17 in southern Zone T units; or June 1 - Dec. 10 in Metro DMU's.)
- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed when hunting on National Wildlife Refuges that allow hunting and on Waterfowl Production Areas.
- It is legal to hunt the small game animals listed in the table on page 10 with muzzleloaders loaded with a single slug or ball.

Electronic Calls: Legal for hunting of squirrels, rabbits and hares.

Dogs: Legal to use for hunting squirrels, rabbits and hares.

Highways and Roadways: It is illegal to hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow *from or across* a highway (defined on page 25), or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. See page 25 for details and exceptions.

Baiting: All baiting must comply with the general baiting rules found on page 29. This means you can not hunt with any of the types or amounts of bait specified on page 29 as illegal, and must possess a valid unused bear harvest permit or deer carcass tag to hunt over bait during the archery season.

Possession and Sale: The tails and skins of lawfully taken squirrels may be bought and sold, but not the carcass. Carcasses of rabbits and hares can be sold, but only during their open season dates specified on page 10.

Blaze Orange Clothing: Required any time there is a deer firearm or muzzleloader season occurring, when 50% of outer clothing above the waist must be blaze orange, including your hat if one is worn. (See pages 38-41 for deer season dates).

Game Bird Hunting Seasons and Regulations

| Species | Daily Bag | Area | 2002-2003 | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| | | | Opens | Closes |
| Pheasants | See below** | Statewide | Oct. 19 (Noon) | Dec. 31 |
| Bobwhite Quail | 5 | Statewide | Oct. 19 (Noon) | Dec. 11 |
| Ruffed Grouse | 5 | Zone A | Sept. 14 | Dec. 31 |
| | 5 | Zone B | Sept. 14 | Jan. 31 |
| | 2 | Zone C | Oct. 19 | Dec. 8 |
| Hungarian Partridge | 3 | Statewide*** | Oct. 19 (Noon) | Dec. 31 |
| Sharp-tailed Grouse | Determined by permits | Apply by permit for specific areas | Oct. 19 | Nov. 10 |
| Crows | 15 | Statewide | Sept. 14 | Nov. 21 |
| | | | Jan. 25 | Mar. 20 |

** Pheasant: Oct. 19-20, 1 cock daily, Remainder of season 2 cocks daily

*** Hungarian Partridge Season CLOSED in Clark, Marathon and Taylor Counties

Note: Turkey Regulations are published in separate pamphlets.

Possession Limits: twice the daily bag limit for that species.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset (see tables on pages 34-37 for exact times).

Note: Refer to special separate Public Hunting Ground Pheasant season pamphlet for cock and hen hunting seasons and special 2:00 pm daily closing hours.

Note: Possession of loaded or uncased firearms is prohibited on November 22, 2002 unless at a shooting game farm, established range or while waterfowl hunting.

Licenses/Stamps/Permits:

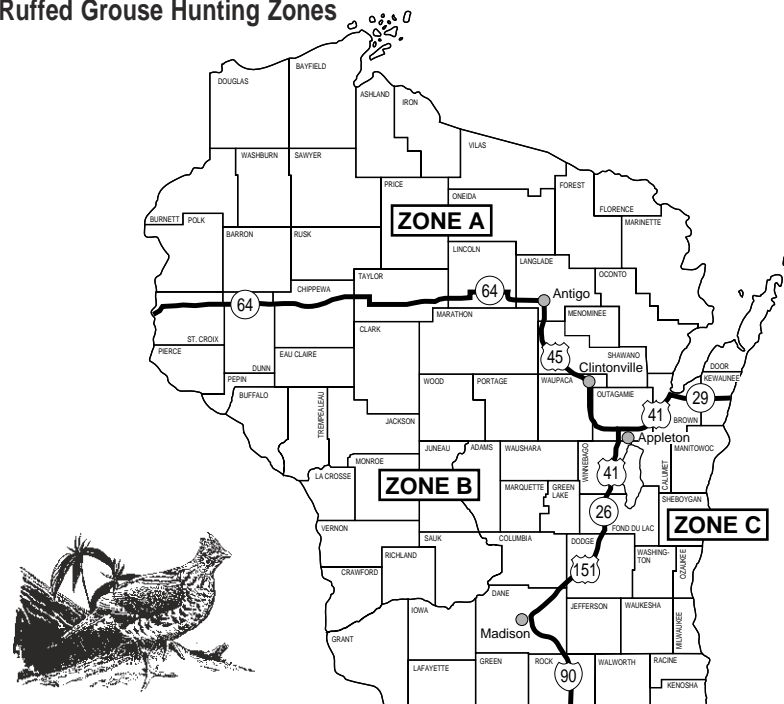
- Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required.
- See Pages 7-9 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals and landowners.
- Pheasant – A pheasant stamp is required in Pheasant Management Zones only. (See map on adjacent page).
- Ruffed Grouse, Quail, Partridge and Crow - No special stamps or permits are required.
- Sharp-tailed Grouse - Must apply for a permit for specified areas. No stamp required. **Application Deadline is August 10th.**
- HIP Certification is **not** required for hunting the above listed game birds.

Electronic Calls: Are legal to use for the above listed game birds.

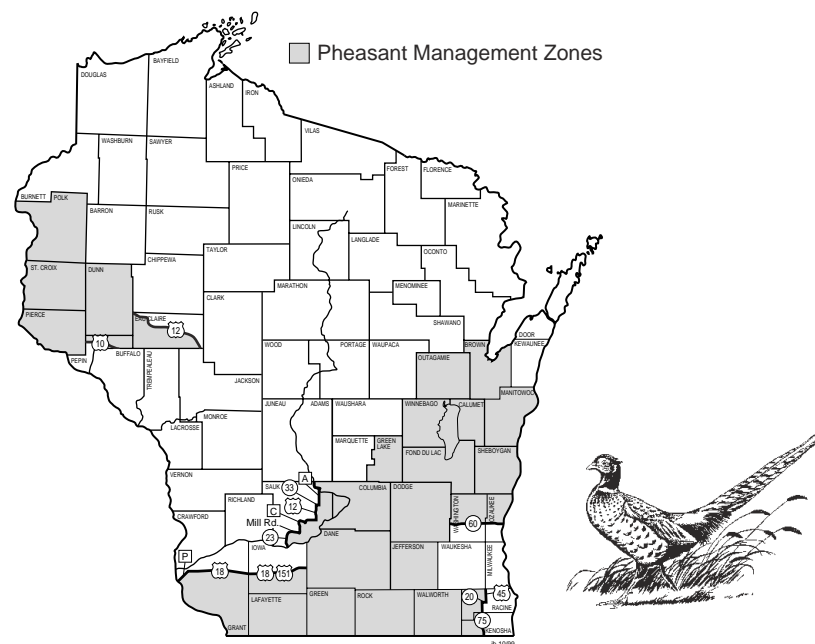
Dogs: Are legal to use for the above listed game birds

Possession and Sale: It is not legal to sell, purchase or trade any game bird or the parts of any game bird

Ruffed Grouse Hunting Zones



Pheasant Management Zones



Game Bird Hunting Seasons and Regulations *continued*

Weapons:

Rifles are *not* allowed for hunting any of the game birds listed on page 12.

Shotguns must have an overall 26" minimum length with 18" minimum barrel length and when used for the game birds listed on page 12 are not restricted by gauge size or shell holding capacity.

Muzzleloaders any caliber discharged from the shoulder are legal for hunting the game birds listed in the season table on page 12.

Handguns, including muzzle-loading handguns, are not legal for game birds, except that persons possessing a class A or C disabled permit may use handguns chambered for and loaded with .410 or larger shot shells for hunting the species listed in the table on page 12.

Bow and Arrows are legal to use with either a small game license or archery license. There is *no* restriction on draw weight for longbow, recurve or compound bows for small game. Blunt tips or broad-heads may be used.

Crossbows are not legal to use except by the following:

1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B or Crossbow permit,
2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads.

Vehicles - All firearms must be unloaded and cased when in or on any vehicle. Bows and Crossbows must be unstrung or in a case whenever in or on a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued class A or B disabled permits.

Ammunition:

- Illegal to possess or control shotshells loaded with single slug or ball while hunting except during the open gun deer season.
- Illegal to hunt game birds with shotguns or rifles loaded with a single slug or ball. (Note: this prohibition includes muzzle-loading firearms.)
- Illegal to possess while hunting, shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 3 (or June 1- Dec. 17 in southern Zone T units; or June 1 - Dec. 10 in Metro DMU's.)
- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed when hunting on National Wildlife Refuges that allow hunting and on Waterfowl Production Areas.

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Highways and Roadways: It is illegal to hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow *from or across* a highway (defined on page 25), or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. See page 25 for details and exceptions.

Blaze Orange Clothing: Required any time there is a deer firearm or muzzleloader season occurring, when 50% of outer clothing above the waist must be blaze orange, including your hat if one is worn. (See pages 38-41 for deer season dates).

Note: This requirement *applies to all hunters* (except waterfowl hunters) *Statewide on the day of the Youth Gun Deer hunt (October 26th, 2002).*

Furbearing Game Animal Hunting Seasons & Regulations

| Species | Daily Bag | Area | 2002-2003 | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| | | | Opens | Closes |
| Raccoons - Residents | Unlimited | Statewide | Oct. 19 (12:00 am) | Jan. 31 |
| Raccoons - Nonresidents | Unlimited | Statewide | Nov. 2 (12:00 am) | Jan. 31 |
| Fox - Red and Gray | Unlimited | North of Hwy. 64 | Oct. 19 | Feb. 15 |
| | Unlimited | South of Hwy. 64 | Oct. 26 | Feb. 15 |
| Coyote | Unlimited | Statewide | See map on page 16 | |
| Bobcat * | 1 by Permit | North of Hwy. 64 | Oct. 19 | Dec. 31 |

* Application Deadline for Bobcat is September 10.

Possession Limits: Unlimited for above listed species except Bobcat, which may be hunted by permit only.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset (see tables on pages 34-37 for exact times).

Licenses/Stamps/Permits: Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required. See Pages 7-9 for details, exceptions for qualified individuals and landowners.

Night Hunting: Coyote, fox, or raccoon may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions except:

1. During the bow bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours listed in the tables on pages 34-37 apply to bow hunting all species.
2. During the regular gun deer season from November 23 – December 1 in Non-Metro units and from November 23 - December 8 in Metro-Units, when normal hunting hours listed on pages 34-37 apply to hunting all species. This restriction does not apply during the muzzleloader or Zone T seasons.

Note: Possession of loaded or uncased firearms is illegal during the 24 hour period prior to the regular 9-day deer gun season (12:00a.m. -11:59 p.m. on Nov. 22), unless at a shooting game farm, established range or while waterfowl hunting. Night hunting coyote, fox, or raccoon may begin again at 12:00 a.m. on Dec. 2.

Use of Lights: Shining is prohibited as explained on page 26. However, a flashlight may be used at the point of kill for raccoon, fox and unprotected species (but NOT for coyote) after the animal is located to shoot the animal and to find your way while walking. See page 26 for restrictions.

Electronic Calls: Legal for hunting Raccoon, Fox, Coyote and Bobcat.

Dogs: Legal to use for hunting Raccoon, Fox, Coyote and Bobcat.

Possession and Sale: Carcasses can only be sold during the open season, however, Bobcat carcasses may be retained by the DNR for research purposes. Green skins of Raccoon, Fox, Coyote and Bobcat may not be possessed beginning on the 5th day after season closes.

Furbearing Game Animal Hunting Seasons & Regulations *continued*

Weapons:

Rifles must have an overall 26" minimum length with 16" minimum barrel length. Note: There is no restriction on rifle caliber size or shell holding capacity, *except* in "shotgun season" areas during the regular gun deer season and the October and December Zone T herd control seasons (see page 22).

Shotguns must have an overall 26" minimum length with 18" minimum barrel length and when used for furbearing species listed on page 15 are not restricted by gauge size or shell holding capacity.

Muzzleloaders of any caliber discharged from the shoulder are legal for the furbearing species listed on page 15.

Handguns and Pellet guns .177 caliber and larger with minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin (or to the breech face in the case of muzzleloading handguns) are legal for the furbearing species listed on page 15.

Fully Automatic firearms are *not* legal to possess or use for hunting.

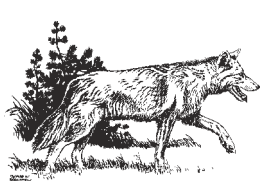
Bow and Arrows are legal to use with either a small game license or archery license. There is **no** restriction on draw weight for longbow, recurve or compound bows for small game. Blunt tips or broad-heads may be used.

Crossbows are not legal to use except by the following:

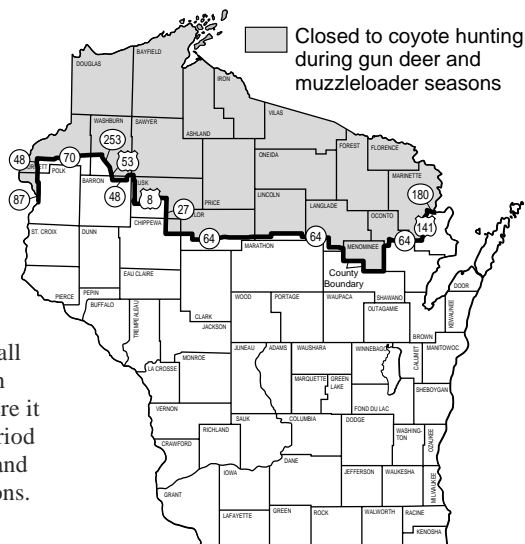
1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B or Crossbow permit,
2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads.

Vehicles - All firearms must be unloaded and cased when in or on any vehicle. Bows and Crossbows must be unstrung or in a case whenever in or on a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued class A or B disabled permits.



Coyote Season is open all year statewide, *except* in northern Wisconsin where it closes for the 19 day period of the regular gun deer and muzzleloader deer seasons.



Ammunition:

- Illegal to possess or control **shotshells** loaded with single slug or ball while hunting except during the open gun season for deer or bear.
- Illegal to possess while hunting, shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 3 (or June 1 - Dec. 17 in southern Zone T units; or June 1 - Dec. 10 in Metro DMU's.)
- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed when hunting on National Wildlife Refuges that allow hunting and on Waterfowl Production Areas.
- It is legal to hunt the furbearing game animals listed in the table on page 15 with muzzleloaders loaded with a single slug or ball.

Baiting: All baiting must comply with the general baiting rules found on page 29. This means you can not hunt with any of the types or amounts of bait specified on page 29 as illegal, and must possess a valid unused bear harvest permit or deer carcass tag to hunt with bait during the archery season.

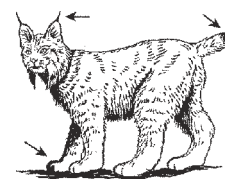
Highways and Roadways:

It is illegal to hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow **from or across** a highway (defined on page 25), or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. See page 25 for details and exceptions.

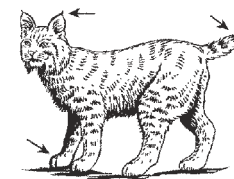
Bobcat:

- A Bobcat harvest permit and carcass tag is required to be in your possession.
- Immediately upon killing a bobcat, the carcass tag must be attached and sealed by passing the wire portion of the tag through the animal's mouth to eye opening, just beneath the skin. The tag must also be validated by slitting the month and date of kill and securing/folding it to over the wire by its adhesive.
- The bobcat pelt must be separated from the carcass and both parts presented to the DNR for registration no later than five days after the month of harvest.
- No person may transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any bobcat pelt unless it bears a DNR carcass tag and registration tag.
- The bobcat carcass may be retained by the DNR for research purposes.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lists the Canada lynx, a rare visitor to Wisconsin, as a threatened species. Please help us protect this unique animal through your careful observation. View the illustrations below and if you observe a Canada lynx contact your local DNR office immediately.



Lynx



Bobcat

Lynx are distinguished from bobcat primarily by the tip of their tail, which is completely black. Only the upper half of the tail tip is black on the bobcat. Lynx also have larger ear tufts, are lighter in coloration, have large densely furred feet, and less distinct tracks than bobcat.

Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons & Regulations

*Does not include Waterfowl!**

| Species | Daily Bag | Area | 2002-2003 | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|
| | | | Opens | Closes |
| Woodcock | 3 | Statewide | Sept. 21 | Nov. 4 |
| Snipe | 8 | Statewide | Concurrent with duck season** | |
| Sora and Virginia Rails | 25 | Statewide | Concurrent with duck season** | |

* Waterfowl regulations are printed in a separate publication.

** Duck season not set until after this pamphlet is printed. Contact DNR for dates.

Possession Limits: Twice the daily bag limit for that species.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. (Must subtract 20 minutes from P.M. hours shown in the tables on pages 34-37.)

Note: Possession of loaded or uncased firearms is prohibited on November 22, 2002 unless at a shooting game farm, established range or while waterfowl hunting. The above species of migratory game birds are not considered waterfowl.

Licenses/Stamps/Permits: Small Game hunting approval/authorization is also required (State or Federal waterfowl stamps are not required). See Pages 7-8 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals.

HIP Certification: Must be enrolled in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP). (See Page 60 for definition)

Weapons:

Rifles are *not* allowed for hunting any of the above listed Migratory Game Birds.

Shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shells or with bores larger than no. 10 gauge are *not* legal to use for hunting migratory game birds.

Muzzleloaders discharged from the shoulder of any caliber are legal for birds listed above.

Handguns, including muzzle-loading handguns, are *not* legal for birds listed above.

Bow and Arrows are legal to use with either a small game license or archery license. There is *no* restriction on draw weight for longbow, recurve or compound bows for small game. Blunt tips or broad-heads may be used.

Crossbows are not legal to use except by the following:

1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B or Crossbow permit,
2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads.

Vehicles - All firearms must be unloaded and cased when in or on any vehicle. Bows and Crossbows must be unstrung or in a case whenever in or on a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued class A or B disabled permits.

Ammunition:

- Lead shot up to size BB and Non-toxic shot size BBB and T may be used.
- Illegal to possess or control while hunting shotshells loaded with single slug or ball except during the open gun deer season.
- Illegal to hunt game birds with shotguns or rifles loaded with a single slug or ball. **Note:** this prohibition includes muzzle-loading firearms.
- Illegal to possess while hunting, shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 3 (or June 1- Dec. 17 in southern Zone T units; or June 1 - Dec. 10 in Metro DMU's.)
- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed when hunting on National Wildlife Refuges that allow hunting and on Waterfowl Production Areas.

Highways and Roadways: It is illegal to hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow *from or across* a highway (defined on page 25), or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. See page 25 for details and exceptions.

Electronic Calls: Are prohibited for hunting the migratory game birds listed on page 18.

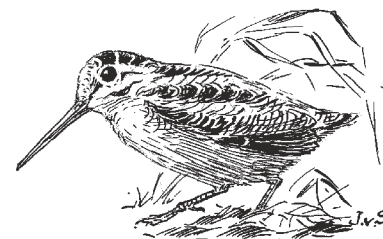
Dogs: Are legal to use for the migratory game birds listed on page 18.

Possession and Sale: It is *not* legal to sell, purchase or trade any game bird or the parts of any wild game bird.

Transportation: (Special requirements apply for Migratory Game Birds) May be field dressed, but the head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached while being transported (1) from the field to the persons permanent abode and (2) between a hunting cabin, camp, motel or other temporary abode to the permanent abode.

Baiting: Federal and State Baiting Rules apply to all migratory game birds. It is illegal to hunt migratory game birds by the aid of baiting. Seeds from naturally occurring vegetation or grain or feed scattered solely by normal agricultural operations, which include normal harvesting, normal post-harvest manipulations, or other normal agricultural practices is not considered baiting.

Blaze Orange Clothing: Required at certain times for hunting migratory game birds *other than waterfowl*, when a deer firearm or muzzleloader season is occurring, when 50% of outer clothing above the waist must be blaze orange, including your hat if one is worn, (See Pages 38-41) including the one-day youth deer hunt on Oct. 26.



Unprotected Species Regulations

Unprotected wild animals

The following wild animals are designated unprotected. No closed season, bag limit, size limit or possession limit applies to these animals:

- Opossum, skunk and weasel.
- Starlings, English sparrows, coturnix quail and chukar partridge.
- Any other wild animal that is not a Game Animal, Game Bird, Game Fish, Fur-bearing Animal, Protected Wild Animal, or Endangered or Threatened Species.

Note: Persons taking unprotected animals must possess a hunting or trapping license and comply with all method of taking requirements and restrictions unless otherwise authorized by the Department of Natural Resources.

Licenses/Stamps/Permits: Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required. See Pages 7-9 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals and landowners.

Note: Landowners *are not* exempt from the license requirements and must possess a license or approval that authorizes hunting of small game to take unprotected species.

Night Hunting: Coyote, fox, raccoon or unprotected species may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions except:

1. During the bow bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours listed in the tables on pages 34-37 apply to all bow hunting.
2. During the regular gun deer season from November 23 – December 1 in Non-Metro units and from November 23 - December 8 in Metro-Units, when normal hunting hours listed on pages 34-37 apply to hunting all species.

Note: This restriction does not apply during the muzzleloader or Zone T seasons.

Use of Lights: Shining is prohibited as explained on page 26. However, a flashlight may be used at the point of kill for raccoon, fox and unprotected species (but NOT for coyote), after the animal is located to shoot the animal and to find your way while walking. See Page 26 for restrictions.

Note: Possession of loaded or uncased firearms is prohibited on November 22, 2002 unless at a shooting game farm, established range or while waterfowl hunting.

Possession and Sale: No possession limit applies to these animals.

Highways and Roadways: It is illegal to hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow *from or across* a highway (defined on page 25), or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. See page 25 for details and exceptions.



Weapons

Rifles must have an overall 26" minimum length with 16" minimum barrel length. Note: There is no restriction on rifle caliber size or shell holding capacity, *except* in "shotgun season" areas during the regular gun deer season and the October and December Zone T herd control seasons (see page 22).

Shotguns must have an overall 26" minimum length with 18" minimum barrel length and when used for unprotected animals are not restricted by gauge size or shell holding capacity.

Muzzleloaders of any caliber discharged from the shoulder are legal for unprotected species.

Handguns and Pellet guns .177 caliber and larger with minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin (or to the breech face in the case of muzzleloading handguns) are legal for unprotected species.

Fully Automatic firearms are *not* legal to possess or use for hunting.

Bow and Arrows are legal to use with either a small game license or archery license. There is *no* restriction on draw weight for longbow, recurve or compound bows for small game. Blunt tips or broad-heads may be used.

Crossbows are not legal to use except by the following:

1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B or Crossbow permit,
2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads.

Vehicles - All firearms must be *unloaded and cased when* in or on any vehicle. Bows and Crossbows must be unstrung or in a case whenever in or on a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued class A or B disabled permits.

Ammunition

- Illegal to possess or control while hunting shotshells loaded with single slug or ball except during the open gun deer season.
- Illegal to possess while hunting, shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 3 (or June 1 - Dec. 17, in southern Zone T units, or June 1 - Dec. 10, in Metro DMU's).
- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed when hunting on National Wildlife Refuges that allow hunting and on Waterfowl Production Areas.

Electronic Calls: Electronic calls may be used to hunt unprotected species.

Dogs: Dogs may be used to hunt unprotected species.

Baiting: All baiting must comply with the general baiting rules found on page 29. This means you can not hunt with any of the types or amounts of bait specified on page 29 as illegal, and must possess a valid unused bear harvest permit or deer carcass tag to hunt with bait during the archery season.

Blaze Orange Clothing: Required any time there is a deer firearm or muzzleloader season occurring, when 50% of outer clothing above the waist must be blaze orange, including your hat if one is worn, (See Pages 38-41) including the youth deer hunt.

General Hunting Regulations

Firearm and Bow Restrictions

Note: Be sure to check with local authorities before using firearms in urbanized or populated areas.

1. General Restrictions

It is illegal to:

- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- hunt with any means other than a gun discharged from the shoulder, a bow and arrow, or by falconry. Handguns may be used as described under the “handgun section” (page 23).
- possess any firearm from 12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. on November 22, 2002 unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case (see definitions page 60). Exceptions: target shooting at established target ranges, waterfowl hunting during open season, and hunting on licensed game farms and shooting preserves. Established target range means an existing facility that has target shooting with firearms as its major purpose.
- shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands you do not own without the permission of the owner or occupant of that building.

2. Rifles

It is illegal to:

- possess a rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches.
- possess a rifle with an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- possess a rifle larger than .22 rimfire during the gun deer season in shotgun only areas (See page 43) unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case.
- hunt any game bird with a rifle.
- hunt deer or bear with a .22 or 5 mm rimfire rifle or .17 caliber center-fire rifle.

3. Shotguns and shotshells

Shotgun means a smoothbore barreled firearm designed to shoot pellets. Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18" in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are in the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20 and 28.

It is illegal to:

- possess a shotgun (defined above) with a barrel length of less than 18 inches.
- possess a shotgun with an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- possess or control any shotshell loaded with single slug or ball while hunting, except during the gun season for deer or bear.
- hunt deer with a .410 bore shotgun.
- possess while hunting, shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 3 (or June 1 - Dec. 17 in Zone T units; or June 1 - Dec. 10 in Metro DMU's.)
- hunt any game bird with a shotgun loaded with shot larger than No. BB* or with single slug or ball, or with a bore larger than a no. 10 gauge.

***Note:** Nontoxic shot size BBB and T may be used for hunting waterfowl.

- hunt any migratory game bird, including woodcock, rail and snipe, with any shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells.
- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed or used for hunting upland game species on the Horicon and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuges, and federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas except that lead shot may be used for wild turkey hunting on the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge. This rule does not apply to hunting with rifles and shotguns firing a single projectile. For more information, contact the refuge managers or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, MN 55111.

4. Muzzleloaders

- For the purposes of hunting wild animals *other than* deer or bear “Muzzleloader” means any caliber of muzzleloading firearm discharged from the shoulder.
- For the purposes of hunting deer and bear, “Muzzleloader” means any smooth-bore muzzleloader of not less than .45 caliber or rifled muzzleloading firearm of less than .40 caliber discharged from the shoulder.
- Muzzleloaders may be used in all regular deer season zones and firearm herd-control hunts.
- Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a percussion muzzleloader or the flashpan is cleaned of powder on a flintlock muzzleloader; the ball and powder can remain in the barrel.

It is illegal to:

- hunt deer during the muzzleloader season (Dec. 2 – 11), with any muzzleloader that is not loaded from the muzzle using black powder or other black powder substitute, that has a scope with magnification or that does not have a solid breech plug attached with threads.
- Note:** there is an overlap of the Metro Gun deer season and the Muzzleloader season dates in metro units (*See pages 41 for details on weapons and tagging options*).

5. Handguns

It is illegal to:

- hunt with or possess a handgun if under the age of 18 years. Target shooting with handguns by persons under the age of 18 years is allowed only when supervised by an adult.
- hunt any game with a handgun except as follows:
 1. Bobcat, coyote, fox, hare, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, and unprotected species may be hunted with handguns or pellet guns .177 caliber and larger. Handguns shall have a minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.
 2. Deer and bear may be hunted with handguns loaded with centerfire cartridges of .22 caliber or larger that also have a minimum barrel length of 5½ inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed. Hunters using handguns for deer hunting may also possess other firearms legal for the zone in which they are hunting deer.
 3. Persons possessing a class A, B or C disabled permit may use handguns chambered for .410 or larger shot shells for hunting all species except deer, bear, turkey, and migratory game birds.

5. Handguns *continued*

- possess a concealed handgun.
- transport a handgun in a vehicle unless it is unloaded and completely enclosed within a carrying case. **Note:** A holster is not a legal carrying case unless it completely encloses the handgun, so that no part of the handgun is visible.

6. Bows, arrows, and crossbows

It is illegal to:

- hunt deer or bear with a bow having a pull or draw weight of less than 30 pounds.
- possess, while hunting, any crossbow (except as described below) or poisoned, drugged or explosive tipped arrow.
- use, possess or control while hunting deer or bear any arrows with a metal broad head blade less than seven-eighths inch in width and must be well-sharpened.

Crossbows are not legal to use except by the following:

1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B or Crossbow permit,
2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads.

7. Arms transportation

It is illegal to:

- possess, place or transport in or on any vehicle, whether moving or stationary, any firearm, bow or crossbow unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case and the bow/crossbow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- possess, place or transport in or on any motor driven boat while the motor is running, any firearm, bow or crossbow unless the firearm is unloaded and bow or crossbow is unstrung or enclosed within the carrying case.
Exception: Possession of a strung or uncased bow in a boat while using any motor is legal for bowfishing only. A fishing license is required for bowfishing.

Note: Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a percussion muzzleloader or the flashpan is cleaned of powder on a flintlock muzzleloader; the ball and powder can remain in the barrel.

Always Remember the Four Rules of Firearm Safety

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be sure of your target and beyond.
4. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.

Other Restrictions

1. Road hunting

Highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road, but does not include private roads and driveways.

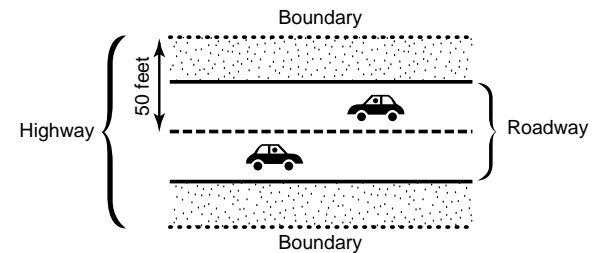
Roadway means the portion of the highway which is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.

Public road means those roads shown on the current, official county highway map available from the Department of Transportation.

It is illegal to:

1. Hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or
2. Discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow:
 - a. From or across a highway, or
 - b. Within 50 feet of the roadway's center.

The above prohibition applies to all public roads (defined above). However, anyone hunting small game with a muzzleloader or shotgun loaded with shot size BB or smaller is exempt from these prohibitions if the roadway is unpaved (dirt, sand or gravel).



Exceptions: Certain exceptions are allowed for Class A and B disabled permit holders. Call the nearest DNR Service Center (Page 63) for an explanation of these exceptions.

2. Vehicle restrictions

It is illegal to operate any vehicle, including, but not limited to, snowmobiles, bicycles, trail bikes, and all terrain vehicles on lands owned or under the control of the DNR and on federal waterfowl production areas, except where their use is authorized by posted notice or permit or in the case of Managed Forest Law and Forest Crop Law lands, authorization of the landowner. This prohibition does not apply to public roadways and trails held open to the public for the type of vehicle being operated.

3. Shining

It is illegal to:

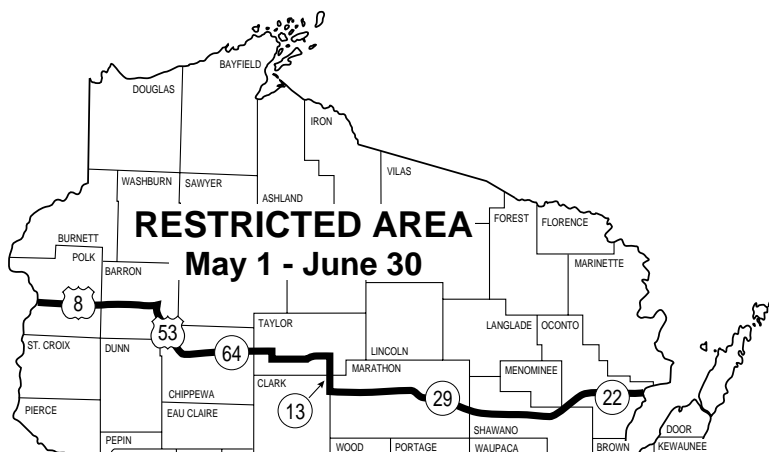
- use or possess with intent to use, a light (including vehicle headlights) for shining any wild animal while hunting or in possession of a firearm, bow or crossbow (includes laser sights on firearms, bows and crossbows).
- use or possess with intent to use, whether or not a firearm or bow is in possession, a light for shining wild animals (including vehicle headlights) between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from September 15 through December 31.
Note: Some areas may prohibit shining by local ordinance. Check with the local Sheriff's department or township officials for local shining restrictions.
- shine at any time on federal refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas.

Exceptions: A flashlight may be used: 1) while shooting raccoon, fox, or unprotected species at the point of kill while hunting on foot, or 2) to find your way.

4. Dog Training

It is illegal to:

- allow dogs to run on DNR lands from April 15 through July 31 unless the dog is on a leash no longer than 8 feet. This rule does not apply to class 1 field trial grounds or DNR lands open to dog training.
- while hunting or training dogs, allow the dog to kill any wild animal.
Note: Hunters using dogs may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs.
- hunt or pursue any free-roaming wild animal with the aid of any dog from May 1 to June 30 in that portion of the state north of the highways shown on the following map, except for dog trials and training under DNR permit.



5. Use of devices

It is illegal to:

- hunt any animal with the aid of an airplane.
- use any device other than legal firearms, bows, traps or falconry birds to kill or catch wild animals.
- use a bow equipped with a "Draw-Loc" type mechanism that is capable of holding a bow at full draw while hunting.
Note: such devices are legal for use by individuals authorized to use crossbows.
- use any electronic or electronically amplified calls while hunting migratory game birds or wild turkeys.
Note: It is legal to use any type of call or amplified sound for attracting foxes, raccoon, crows, deer and coyotes during the open season.
- use or possess laser sights while hunting.

6. Tribal lands

Special rules apply on tribal lands in portions or all of Ashland, Bayfield, Forest, Iron, Menominee, Oneida, Sawyer, and Vilas counties. For more information, contact the tribal chairpersons.

7. Dogs

- Dogs are considered private property and are protected by law. Only conservation wardens may kill dogs chasing deer. Owners may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs.
- A dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is monitored or supervised by a person and the dog is on land that is open to hunting or on land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt or to train a dog.

8. Transport and sale of game

It is illegal to:

- sell, purchase, or barter, or offer to sell, purchase or barter any bear, deer, squirrel, or game bird or part thereof **except:**
 1. the tail and skin of any squirrel or head and skin of any deer lawfully killed, when severed from the rest of the carcass.
 2. the hide of a lawfully killed bear may be sold or bartered only if the claws, head, and teeth are attached. Bear claws and teeth may not be sold, purchased, traded or bartered when separated from the hide. The sale of other bear parts is also prohibited.
 3. rabbit, raccoon, and other furbearing animal carcasses can be sold during the open season for those species. (The DNR may retain Bobcat, Fisher and Otter carcasses for research)

9. Serving game to guests

It is illegal for Innkeepers, managers or stewards of any restaurant, club, hotel, boarding house, tavern, logging or mining camp to sell, barter, serve or give, or cause to be sold, bartered, served or given to its guests or boarders any of the following:

1. The meat of any deer, bear, squirrel or game bird at any time.
2. The meat of any wild animal not listed under 1., during the closed season for the wild animal, whether the meat of the wild animal is lawfully or unlawfully taken in or out of state.

Note: The Department of Natural Resources may issue a permit authorizing the serving of lawfully taken and possessed wild animals at any time. Contact your local DNR Service Center for more information on Wild Game Serving Permits.

10. Trap theft

Stealing or molesting lawfully set or placed traps or snares is a criminal act and is punishable by fine (\$300-\$1000), imprisonment (up to 90 days), or both, and a mandatory 5-year revocation of license privileges.

11. Taking and possession of game

It is illegal to:

- take any wild animal which has been lawfully obtained by someone else without having that person's consent.
- hunt beaver, fisher, mink, muskrat or otter with the aid of a spear, gun or dog, except landowners can take beaver with a firearm.
- not immediately kill all game taken and make it part of the daily bag.
- molest any squirrel nest or den, raccoon den or tree, mink den, or muskrat house.
- carelessly waste game. You must make every reasonable effort to retrieve all game killed or crippled. Until such effort is made, such game shall be included in the daily bag. This rule does not allow you to trespass without permission of the landowner nor shoot game beyond established shooting hours.
- possess any game unless you hold a valid hunting license or state permit carried on your person, unless you are hunting as a landowner, as explained on page 9.

12. Hunting accidents

Any person involved in an accident in which a person is injured by gunfire or bow and arrow while hunting or trapping must first render necessary assistance and immediately report the incident to the local sheriff or police. Every person involved in a hunting accident must render a report to the DNR within 10 days.

13. Blaze orange clothing requirements:

During any gun or muzzleloader deer seasons, no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange.

Note: Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Camo-blaze is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended. *Including the new Statewide one day Youth Gun Deer Hunt (October 26, 2002)!*

14. Baiting

Bait means honey and any solid or nonliquid material attractive to wildlife.

Liquid scent means any nonsolid material (excluding honey) which flows freely and takes the shape of its container at a temperature of 70 degrees F.

It is illegal to:

- a. place, use or hunt over bait contained within or containing metal, paper, plastic, glass, wood (other than hollow stumps) or other nondegradable materials.
- b. use mechanical feeders for the purpose of hunting.
- c. use any baiting material, liquid or scent for attracting wild animals containing honey, bones, fish, meat, solid animal fat (which includes bacon grease) or parts of animal carcasses.
- d. place or hunt over baiting material, liquid or scent within 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public.
- e. hunt over baiting material, liquid or scent during the archery season without possessing a valid, unused bear harvest permit or archery deer tag.
- f. place more than 10 gallons of bait material or liquid scent in a baited area or hunt over a baited area containing more than 10 gallons of bait material or liquid scent. Note: You may hunt over material deposited by natural vegetation or found solely as a result of normal agricultural practices.
- g. hunt turkeys with the aid of bait.

Clarification: It is illegal to hunt or pursue animals, or train dogs in an area baited in violation of a, b, c or f (above) from July 1 to January 1 unless the area is completely free of baiting material for at least 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, pursuing animals or training dogs. The fact that the illegal bait is removed, allowing the area to be hunted after 10 consecutive days, does not alter any liability for the initial illegal placement of the bait.

Note: It is illegal to hunt any species using bait after small game hours (20 minutes after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise), unless the hunting involves the release of trailing dogs.

15. Non-toxic shot currently approved for use:

- a. Steel shot,
- b. Steel shot with coatings of <1% total mass of either copper, nickel, zinc chromate, or zinc chloride,
- c. Bismuth-tin in a mixture of 97-3%, respectively,
- d. Tungsten-iron, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-matrix, and tungsten-polymer.

Pick up litter and
keep your hunting grounds healthy!

Hunter Safety and Education

Required: Persons born on or after January 1, 1973 must present their hunter education certificate, last year's license, or proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. armed forces, Reserves or National Guard to purchase any hunting license. A certificate for successful completion of a Bow hunter education course can be used to purchase an archery license. *Contact your local DNR office for course information or visit our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/>*

License privileges: Certificates issued to Wisconsin Resident 12 years old and older after January 1, 2002 are valid for hunting small game until March 31, 2003.

Stamp privileges: First year hunter education course graduates whose certificates are valid for small game hunting as described above, are exempt from the need to purchase a Pheasant Stamp and State Waterfowl Stamp.

Permit privileges: A person who graduates from the Wisconsin Hunter Education Course for the first time, may take an *antlerless* deer in the deer season immediately following graduation with their regular gun deer license in the following designated areas: All deer management units state wide *except* State Parks and State Park units, Fort McCoy, Unit 48 (Menominee Reservation), and all non-quota units (see definition on page 61).

Adult Supervision Required:

A parent or guardian must accompany Hunters 12 and 13 years of ages.
Accompanied means within sight and voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.
 Persons under the age of 12 may not possess a firearm.

Note: An antlerless deer taken under the authority of a first time hunter education graduate's certificate must be tagged with your valid gun deer carcass tag. Other hunters *may not* group hunt to shoot antlerless deer for a first time graduates who are using their Hunter Education Certificate as a permit for an antlerless deer. Hunter education graduates may use group hunting to harvest an antlered deer, or an antlerless deer under a hunters choice or bonus permit issued by the DNR.

Special Educational Hunts:

- **Buckhorn State Park and Wildlife Area:** Deer hunting is offered to youth who complete a "Learn to Hunt Workshop." For applications and information regarding dates and fees, write or call Buckhorn State Park at W8450 Buckhorn Park Avenue, Necedah, WI 54646-7338; Phone (608) 565-2789. *Applications are due July 15.*
- **Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center:** Deer hunting is offered to youth and beginner adults who complete a "Learn to Deer Hunt Workshop." For dates and fees, write or call the Center at Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413; 715-884-2437. *Applications are due May 30.*

Almost every hunting incident can be avoided. Hunters must follow the four basic rules of firearms safety to make sure that they and other hunters are safe. Every hunting incident involves a violation of one of these four basic rules:

Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.

Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.

Be certain of your target and what's beyond it.

Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you're ready to shoot.

If every hunter followed these four basic rules we could eliminate hunting injuries and fatalities. Wisconsin's volunteer hunter education instructors, conservation wardens, and the WDNR work hard to promote the basics of safe and responsible hunting. Safe hunting is no accident and hunting safely is the responsibility of every hunter. For your sake and that of your fellow hunters, make safety your first priority on every hunting trip.

Tim Lawhern
 DNR Hunter Education Administrator

Disabled Hunters

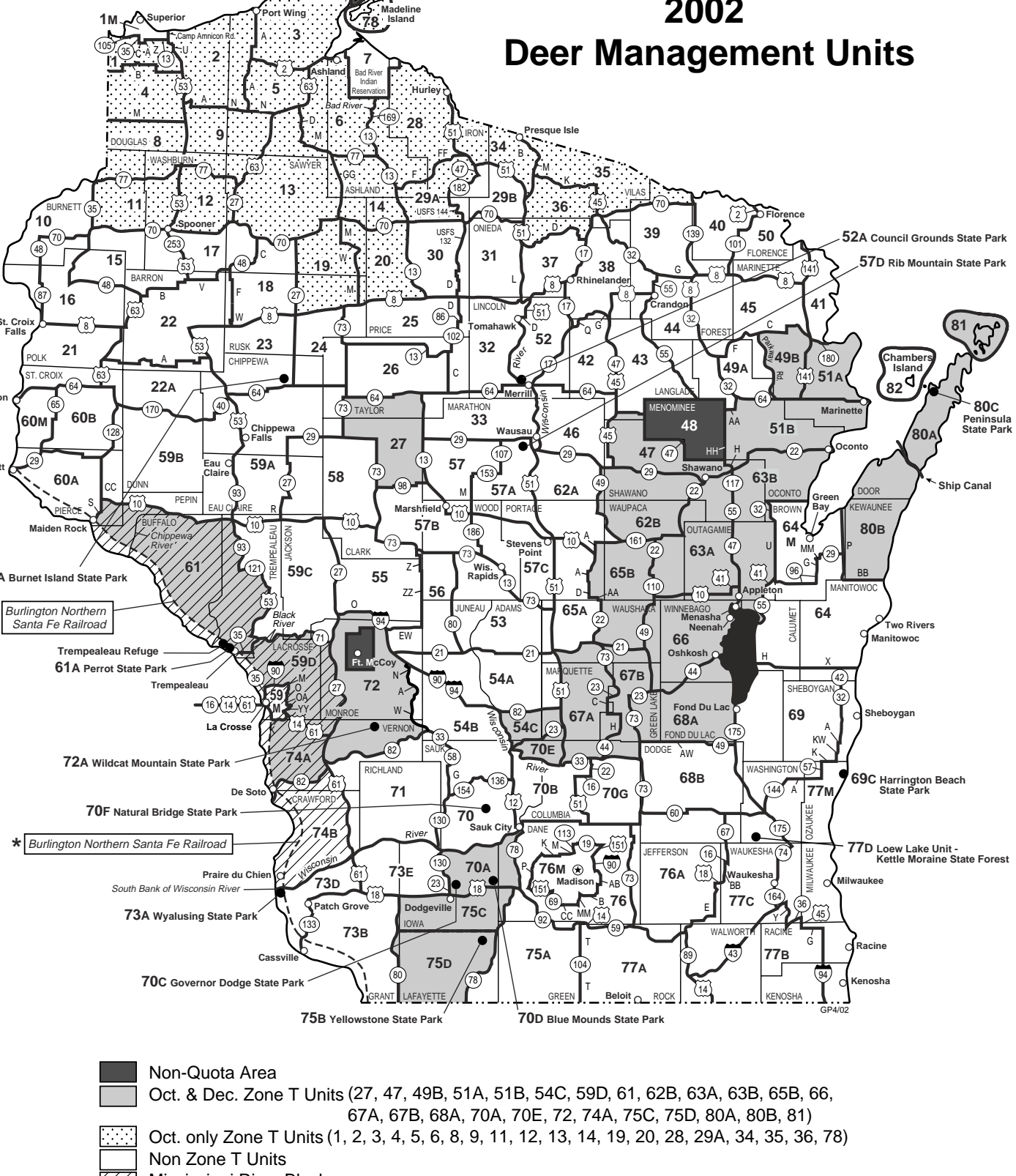
Qualified disabled persons may obtain permits to hunt from a stationary vehicle and/or use a crossbow. Contact a DNR service center for details. Allow 30-60 days for processing. Important: Disabled permits issued prior to 1989 expired in 1994. If you possess an old permit which has no expiration date, contact your local DNR Service Center.

Special Disabled Hunts:

Disabled Deer Hunts: Dates: Oct. 5 - Oct. 13, 2002. People who wish to sponsor a deer hunt for people with Class A and C disabilities must submit an application to their local wildlife manager by *June 1st*. Interested hunters should contact the nearest DNR Service Center or disabled deer hunt sponsor before *September 1st*.

Loew Lake Unit Novice/Disabled Turkey Hunting: Spring turkey hunting is available for a limited number of first time and class A and C Disabled hunters. For information call (262) 670-3400 or write to KMSF-Pike Lake, 3544 Kettle Moraine Rd., Hartford, WI 53027.

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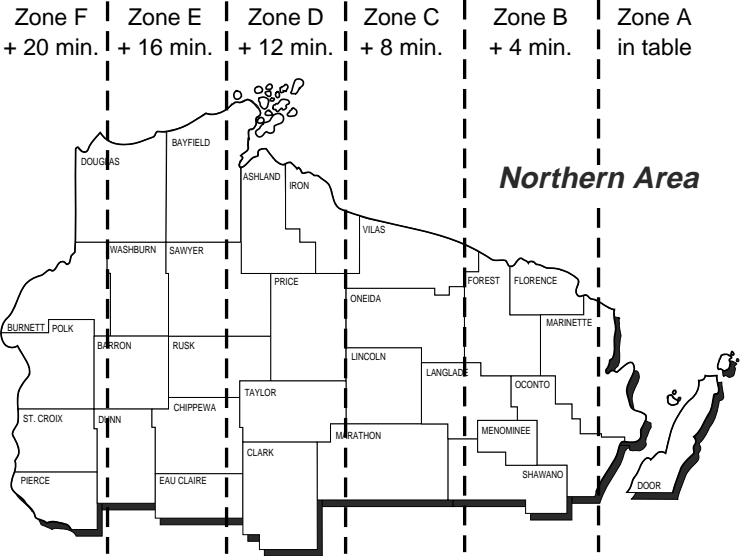
*For area west of the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad, see page 49 for Zone T deer hunting regulations.

Northern Area Hunting Hours

Zone “A”: Gun Deer, Bow Deer, Bear and Small Game

| | Sept. 2002 | | Oct. 2002 | | Nov. 2002 | | Dec. 2002 | | Jan. 2003 | | Feb. 2003 | | March 2003 | | April 2003 | | May 2003 | | |
|------|------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|------------|------|------------|------|----------|------|------|
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| 3 | 5:44 | 7:44 | 6:21 | 6:47 | 6:03 | 4:54 | 6:43 | 4:27 | 7:01 | 4:38 | 6:40 | 5:19 | 5:56 | 5:59 | 4:57 | 6:41 | 5:05 | 8:20 | 3 |
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| 12 | 5:55 | 7:27 | 6:33 | 6:30 | 6:15 | 4:43 | 6:52 | 4:26 | 6:59 | 4:48 | 6:27 | 5:32 | 5:39 | 6:12 | 5:40 | 7:52 | 4:53 | 8:31 | 12 |
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- Times listed are one-half hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset.
- ** Firearm hunting prohibited on Nov. 22. Hours for permitted hunting are 6:29 – 4:33 (i.e. waterfowl hunting, licensed game farms and shooting preserves).
- **Calculating Hunting Hours:** Determine your location in either the Northern or Southern Area and add the minutes shown in the zone in which you are hunting to the opening and closing times listed in either the Northern or Southern Area Hunting Hours table.
- **Night Hunting:** Coyote, fox, raccoon or unprotected species may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions except:
 1. During the bow bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours listed in the tables on pages 30-31 apply to bow hunting all species.
 2. During the regular gun deer season from November 23 – December 1 in Non-Metro units and from November 23 - December 8 in Metro-Units, when normal hunting hours apply to hunting all species.
- **Note:** This restriction *does not* apply during the muzzleloader or Zone T seasons in Non-Metro Deer management Units. Hunting hours restrictions for all hunting *do apply* to the portion of the muzzleloader season in Metro Units that overlaps the antlerless portion of the deer gun season from December 2 - December 8.



- **Caution:** Consult your migratory bird regulations pamphlet for migratory bird hunting hours including woodcock, crows, snipe, and rails—they are different than those listed above. Migratory bird hunting hours end at sunset. (Must subtract 20 minutes when hunting woodcock and rails.)

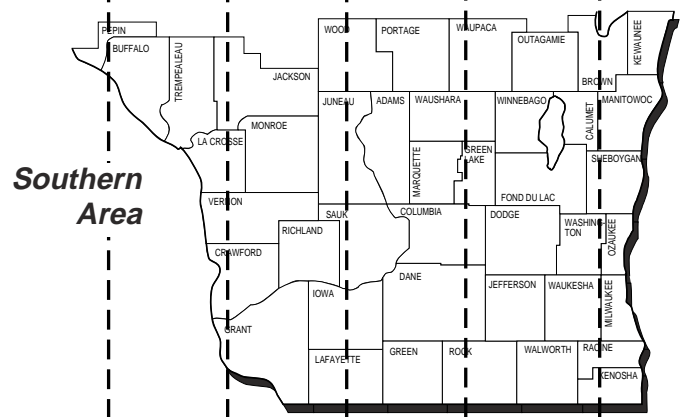
Southern Area Hunting Hours

Zone "A": Gun Deer, Bow Deer, Bear and Small Game

| | Sept. 2002 | | Oct. 2002 | | Nov. 2002 | | Dec. 2002 | | Jan. 2003 | | Feb. 2003 | | March 2003 | | April 2003 | | May 2003 | | |
|------|------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|------------|------|------------|------|----------|------|------|
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Zone F | Zone E | Zone D | Zone C | Zone B | Zone A
+ 20 min. | + 16 min. | + 12 min. | + 8 min. | + 4 min. | in table













- **Caution:** Consult your migratory bird regulations pamphlet for migratory bird hunting hours including woodcock, crows, snipe, and rails—they are different than those listed above. Migratory bird hunting hours end at sunset. (Must subtract 20 minutes when hunting woodcock and rails.)

38 Deer Hunting Seasons (Non-Zone T Units)

See page 40 for Zone T Season Chart and pages 50-51 for Special CWD Regulation Announcement.

| Unit(s) | Season Limit | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. |
|--|--|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------|
| Archery | | | | | | |
| Statewide Except as Listed Below | One deer either sex plus additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit | Sept. 14 - Nov. 21 | | Dec. 2 - Jan. 3 | | |
| 23A, 52A, 57D, 72A, 75B, 69C & selected state parks & trails* | One deer of either sex per gun hunter's choice permit and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit | | | | Dec. 2 - Dec. 31 | |
| 81 (Rock Is.), Mill Bluff & Part of Big Bay State Parks | One deer either sex plus additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit | | Oct. 15 - Nov. 21 | | Dec. 2 - Dec. 31 | |
| Metro Units*** (1M, 60M, 64M, 59M, 76M, 77M) | One deer either sex plus additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit | Sept. 14 - Nov. 21 | | Nov. 23 - Jan. 31 | | |
| * Devil's Lake, Mirror Lake, Hartman Creek, Willow River, Interstate, Rocky Arbor, Kinnickinnic, and Newport State Parks and Elroy-Sparta and Tuscobia-Park Falls State Trails | | | | | | |
| Youth Hunt (Gun Hunt - Ages 12-15) | | | | | | |
| Statewide (Except Zone T Units) | One antlerless deer as authorized by hunter's choice or antlerless deer permit | | Oct. 26 | | | |
| Gun Deer | | | | | | |
| Statewide Including Select State Parks** Except as Listed Below | One buck or as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit | | | Nov. 23 - Dec. 1 | | |
| Mississippi River Block – 59D, 61, 74A, 74B | One deer of either sex plus additional antlerless per permit | | | Nov. 23 - Dec. 1 | | |

| | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| State Park Units - 52A, 70F, 73A | One deer as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit | | |  Nov. 23 - Dec. 1 | |
| Metro Units*** (1M, 60M, 64M, 59M, 76M, 77M) | One buck or as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit | | |  Nov. 23 - Dec. 1 | |
| | One antlerless deer per hunter's choice or antlerless deer permit | | |  Dec. 2 - Dec. 8 | |
| ** Devil's Lake, Mirror Lake, Mill Bluff, Rock Is. (81), Hartman Creek, Willow River, Interstate, Rocky Arbor, Kinnickinnic, Part of Big Bay, Plum Island Portion of Grand Traverse Is. and Newport State Parks and Elroy-Sparta and Tuscobia-Park Falls State Trails | | | | | |
| Muzzleloader | | | | | |
| Statewide Except as Listed Below | One buck or as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit | | | Dec. 2 - Dec. 11 |  |
| Mississippi River Block – 59D, 61, 74A, 74B | One deer of either sex and additional antlerless deer as authorized by permit | | | Dec. 2 - Dec. 11 |  |
| Metro Units*** (1M, 60M, 64M, 59M, 76M, 77M) | One buck or as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit | | | Dec. 2 - Dec. 11 |  |
| State Park Units - 61A, 70C, 70D, 80C | One deer as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit | | | Nov. 23 - Dec. 1 |  |
| State Park Units -77D, 72A,75B, 57D, 69C, 23A | One deer as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit | | | Nov. 23 - Dec. 8 |  |
| State Park Unit - 52A Council Grounds S.P. | One deer as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permit | | | Dec. 2 - Dec. 8 |  |
| 79 (Apostle Islands – Except Long Is.) | One deer either sex. | |  Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 | | |

39 ***Metro Archery, Gun and Muzzleloader Seasons Overlap. See Chart on Page 41 for Tagging and Weapon Explanation.

Zone T Deer Season Framework*

| Season Limit | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|------|
| Zone T Units: Archery Season | | | | | |
| One deer either sex and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit | Sept. 14 – Oct. 23 | Oct. 28 – Nov. 21 | Dec. 2 – Dec. 11 | Dec. 16 – Jan. 3* | |
| Antlerless deer only and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit | | Oct. 24 – Oct. 27 | Dec. 12 – Dec. 15* (only south of Hwy. 8) | | |
| Zone T Units: Gun Season | | | | | |
| One deer either sex and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit | | | Nov. 23 – Dec. 1 | | |
| Antlerless deer only and additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit | | Oct. 24 – Oct. 27 | Dec. 12 – Dec. 15 (only south of Hwy. 8) | | |
| Zone T Units: Muzzleloader Season | | | | | |
| One deer of either sex per unused gun deer license plus additional antlerless deer per antlerless permit | | | | Dec. 2 – Dec. 11 | |

***Note:** Zone T Deer Management Units north of Highway 8 (see map on pages 32-33) will only participate in the October 24-27 hunt and **not** the December 12-15 hunt. The either sex archery season continues through Dec. 12-15 in these units.

Options during Metro-Unit Deer Seasons that Overlap

| 1. With the below listed weapon types: | 2. During the following seasons, you may harvest... | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| | Extended Antlerless Deer gun season with valid gun deer license December 2 - December 8 | 10-day Muzzleloader Season with valid gun deer license December 2 - December 11 | Late Archery Deer Season with a valid archery license November 23 - January 31 |
| Shotgun, muzzleloaders, or handguns 1M, 59M, 60M, 64M, 76M and 77M | ...an Antlerless deer with an unfilled gun deer carcass tag and hunter's choice or bonus antlerless deer permit issued for that specific deer management unit. | N/A | N/A |
| Muzzleloaders with solid breech plug, capable of being loaded only from the muzzle and without telescopic sights 1M, 59M, 60M, 64M, 76M and 77M | ...an Antlerless deer with an unfilled gun deer carcass tag and hunter's choice or bonus antlerless deer permit issued for that specific deer management unit. | ...a buck deer with an unfilled gun deer carcass tag or an antlerless deer with an unfilled gun deer carcass tag and hunter's choice or bonus antlerless deer permit issued for that specific deer management unit. | N/A |
| Bow and Arrow 1M, 59M, 60M, 64M, 76M and 77M | N/A | N/A | ...a deer of either sex on an unfilled archery deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer per unfilled hunter's choice and gun deer carcass tag or bonus antlerless deer permit issued for that specific deer management unit. |
| Rifles Allowed only in Metro Deer Management Unit 1M | ...an Antlerless deer with an unfilled gun deer carcass tag and hunter's choice or bonus antlerless deer permit issued for that specific deer management unit. | N/A | N/A |

Deer Hunting Regulations

Hunting Hours:

- See tables on pages 34-37 for specific daily legal hours. The legal hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset.
- Note:** Possession of loaded or uncased firearms is prohibited from 12:00a.m. - 11:59 p.m. on November 22, 2002 unless at a shooting game farm, established range or while waterfowl hunting. Night hunting coyote, fox, or raccoon may begin again at 12:00 a.m. on December 2nd.

Licenses/Permits:

- See tagging chart on page 46 for detailed instructions.
- A gun deer license is required to hunt deer with a firearm (including muzzleloaders).
- An archery license is required to hunt deer with bow and arrow (or crossbow by qualified individuals as described on page 43 under "Crossbows").
- A hunters choice permit, Class A and C disabled permit and first year hunter education graduate certificates with an unused gun deer carcass tag, as well as bonus or Zone T antlerless deer permits authorizes the harvest of an **antlerless** deer during a firearm deer season. A hunters choice permit with an unfilled gun deer carcass tag can also be filled during the archery deer season with an antlerless deer using a bow and arrow in the unit specified on the hunters choice permit if you possess a valid archery license. (This will eliminate your opportunity to use your gun deer carcass tag to shoot a buck with a firearm).
- An antlerless deer can only be harvested in the deer management unit authorized by the hunter's choice, Mississippi River Block, bonus or Zone T antlerless deer permit. (A Zone T antlerless permit is valid in any Zone T unit).
- Backtag** must be displayed where it can be clearly seen in the center of the the outermost garment. **Note:** the backtag must not be hidden by your coat hood, displayed upside down or be marked up in any manner.

Weapons:

Rifles:

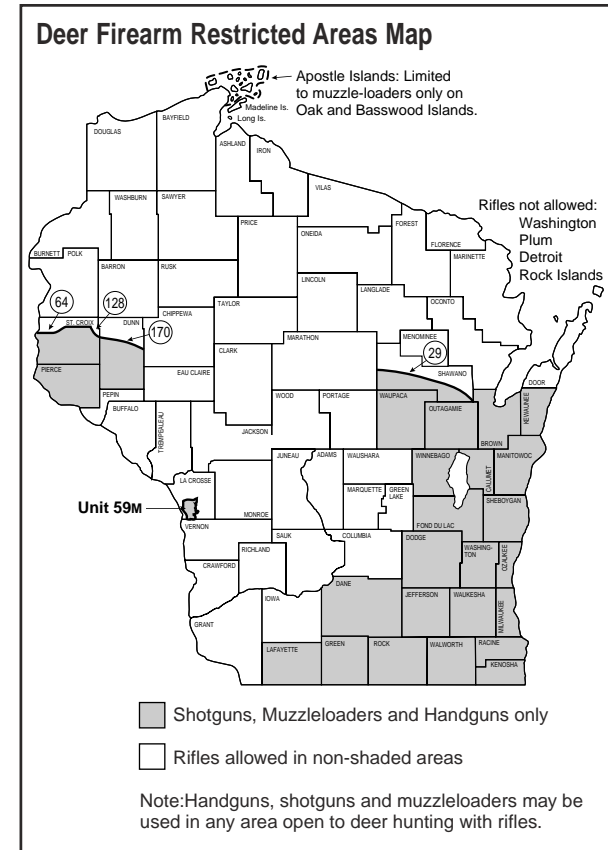
- Must have an overall 26" minimum length with 16" minimum barrel length.
- Are legal for hunting deer in areas not restricted to shotgun, muzzleloaders and handguns only as indicated by non-shaded areas on map on page 43.
- It is illegal to possess a rifle larger than .22 rimfire during the gun deer season in shotgun only areas unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case.
- It is illegal to hunt deer with a .22 or 5mm rimfire rifle or .177 caliber center-fire rifle.

Shotguns:

- Must have an overall 26" minimum length with 18" minimum barrel length.
- Are legal for hunting deer in any area open to deer hunting with firearms.
- Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18" in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are in the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20 and 28.
- It is illegal to hunt deer with a .410 bore shotgun.

Handguns:

To be legal for deer, handguns must use centerfire cartridges of .22 caliber or larger and have a 5 1/2 inch minimum barrel, measured from the firing pin to the muzzle with the action closed.



Muzzleloaders:

Smoothbore .45 caliber or larger and rifled .40 caliber or larger are legal for deer hunting.

During the 10-day muzzleloader season, must have a threaded breach plug, only able to be load from the muzzle, and may not have telescopic sights (1 power or less are legal)

Note: Inline muzzleloaders are legal to use during the 10-day muzzleloader hunt

Bow and Arrow:

Bows must have a draw weight of 30 pounds or greater and metal broadheads must be at least 7/8 inches wide and kept sharp to hunt deer or bear.

Crossbows:

Only allowed for hunters 65 yrs of age or older and disabled hunters with a Class A, B or crossbow permit. The crossbow shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads. (Requires an archery license).

Vehicles:

All firearms must be unloaded and enclosed within carrying cases when in or on any vehicle. Bows and Crossbows must be unstrung or in a case whenever in or on a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued a class A or B disabled permits.

Ammunition: It is illegal to hunt deer or bear with ammunition loaded with full metal jacket, nonexpanding type bullets.

Highways and Roadways: It is illegal to hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow **from or across** a highway (defined on page 25), or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. See page 25 for details and exceptions.

Baiting: All baiting must comply with the general baiting rules found on page 29.

Two-way Radios & Cellphones: Legal to use but not to call someone to tag a deer.

Dogs: It is illegal to hunt deer with dogs.

Possession and Sale:

It is illegal to:

- to possess a deer with broken or removed antlers which makes determination of legality doubtful, unless during gun deer season, you possess a valid hunter's choice, bonus or Mississippi River Block antlerless permit or are in an either sex hunting zone.
- possess a deer carcass unless tagged and registered as required.
- sell deer meat or parts, other than heads, hides and antlers when removed from a lawfully killed deer.
- possess deer antlers in velvet and albino or white deer which are all white except for hooves, tarsal glands, heads and parts of the head.

Vehicle Killed Deer Tagging and Possession:

- Contact your Sheriff's Department to obtain a tag so that the carcass can be legally possessed.
- No fee will be charged for a vehicle killed deer tag.
- Any person may claim a deer that has been killed by a motor vehicle operated on a highway. The driver of a vehicle that accidentally collides with and kills a deer has first priority to the deer. If the driver does not want the deer, any other person who arrives at the scene may claim the carcass.
- Spotted fawns and white deer may not be possessed under a vehicle killed deer tag.

Blaze orange clothing requirements: During any gun or muzzleloader deer seasons, no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Camo-blaze which is 50 % blaze orange is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended.

Transporting deer and bear: It is illegal to transport another person's unregistered bear or deer unless accompanied by the person issued the carcass tag. Once registered, anyone may transport the animal. **Note:** Residents and nonresidents may transport legally possessed deer out of state once registered. **Attention: Check with your local DNR office for restrictions on transportation of deer within and outside the CWD Management Zone (see pages 50-51).**

Hunter's Choice Permit

- Valid for the taking of one deer of either sex except during the archery season where the permit authorizes the taking of an antlerless deer only, tagged with the gun deer carcass tag under the authority of an archery hunting license.
- Application deadline is July 20, 2002

- If you plan to hunt in a Zone T unit **DO NOT** apply for a hunter's choice permit for that unit. There are no Hunter Choice permits available for Zone T units.
- Required to gain hunting access to some State Park properties, see pages 52-53.

Antlerless Bonus Permit

- Valid for the taking one antlerless deer only in unit designated on the permit.
- \$12 for Residents, \$20 for Non-Residents
- Number of permits available based on the antlerless quota set for a specific unit.
- Available at all license sales locations.

Muzzleloader Only Deer Season

- If after the regular gun deer season, you or your group hunting party still possess an unused gun deer carcass tag, antlerless bonus or Zone T antlerless tag, you can participate in the muzzleloader hunt. All regular firearms deer season blaze orange clothing requirements apply.
- Legal bucks may be harvested under the authority of an unused regular gun deer carcass tag.
- The muzzleloader season will be held statewide except in some state parks.

Youth Deer Hunt

- Open to persons 12 - 15 years of age who possess a hunter education certificate of accomplishment and a gun deer license.
- May harvest an antlerless deer **with a gun** on Saturday, October 26 in deer management units (except state park and other non-quota units) not included in a Zone T hunt (since youth can already hunt on this Saturday in all Zone T units).
- The bag limit is one antlerless deer per hunter's choice or antlerless deer permit.
- Youth who are first time graduates of the hunter education program may use their certificates of accomplishment in place of a hunter's choice permit.
- Antlered deer may not be harvested during this one day youth hunt **unless** the youth holds a valid Class A or C disabled permit issued by DNR.
- Allowable types of guns are those authorized on the first day of the regular gun deer season.
- Hunters shall be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
- One adult may not accompany more than 2 hunters and all other hunting regulations apply.



Deer Tagging Options

| If you have a(n): | You may harvest... | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | In regular DMU's* | In Zone T Units | In MRB** Units (that are not Zone T) |
| Archery Carcass Tag | ...a deer of either sex during any open archery season. | ...a deer of either sex during all hunts except only antlerless deer during the October & December Herd control hunts. | ...a deer of either sex during any open archery season. |
| Gun Carcass Tag | ...an Antlered deer (one antler of at least 3") during the regular firearm or muzzleloader season. | ...a deer of either sex during regular gun deer and muzzleloader season, but only antlerless deer during the October & December Herd control hunts. | ...a deer of either sex during any open firearm season. |
| Gun Carcass Tag w/ Hunter's Choice Permit | ...a deer of either sex taken by firearm or an antlerless deer taken by bow only in the unit specified on the HC permit and taken with the proper weapon and associated license for the season in which the deer was harvested. | N/A | N/A |
| Zone T Free Carcass Tag | N/A | ...an antlerless deer taken with the appropriate weapon and associated license for the season being hunted. | N/A |
| Unit-specific Bonus Tag | ...an antlerless deer taken with the appropriate weapon and associated license for the season being hunted, but only in the unit specified on the Bonus permit. | ...an antlerless deer taken with the appropriate weapon and associated license for the season being hunted, but only in the unit specified on the Bonus permit. | ...an antlerless deer taken with the appropriate weapon and associated license for the season being hunted, but only in the unit specified on the Bonus permit. |

* Deer Management Units

** Mississippi River Block

Note: - Metro units have special seasons and regulations, please see Pages 38-41 of this hunting regulation pamphlet.

- State Park units have special rules. Please see regulations Pages 38-41 & 52-53 of this or contact the park you wish to hunt in.

Deer Carcass Tags

- When you purchase your license, you will receive a backtag and carcass tags.
Notice: there are two carcass tags printed on one square **again** this year, and only one carcass tag is only valid in Zone T units.
- You will need to provide your own string or similar fastener to attach to the carcass tag.

Deer Tagging Instructions:

- Must validate the deer carcass tag immediately upon killing and before field dressing or moving the deer.**
- Tear the carcass tags apart prior to removing the backing. Be sure you have selected the correct tag and validate by slitting the appropriate date, time and type of deer indicated on the tag. **Note:** An antlerless deer is any deer that does not have any antler of 3 or more inches in length.
- Lay the string or similar fastener across the middle of the tag on the sticky side.
- Fold the tag over the string and press both sides firmly together.
- Must then immediately **Attach the validated tag to the deer's ear or antler.**
- After the deer has been tagged, it must be registered at an appropriate registration station. Please see the section on registration (above).

Note:

- Any person killing a deer for another member of their group deer hunting party must make sure that the person for whom the deer was killed attaches a validated carcass tag to the deer's ear or antler without delay and prior to field dressing or moving the deer.
- The carcass and registration tags must remain attached to the deer, but may be removed from the carcass at the time of butchering. The person who killed or obtained the deer shall retain all tags until the meat is consumed.
- Deer must be kept intact, except for field dressing, prior to registration.
Exemption: Deer may be skinned and quartered by persons holding a class A or B disabled hunting permit. All parts of a field dressed carcass that is skinned and quartered, including the skin, must be exhibited at the time of registration.

Deer Registration:

In addition to the tagging requirements, **all** deer must also be taken to a DNR Deer Registration Station and registered. Registration Stubs are available at deer registration stations and license vendors. To save time, please fill out the registration stub, unwrap the carcass tag, and have your backtag and Hunter's Choice (if applicable) with you before bringing your deer to the registration station attendant.

Firearm Deer Registration: (includes muzzleloader deer season)

- Location:** **Both Antlered and Antlerless Deer** must be registered in the unit of kill or in an adjoining unit.
- Deadline:** All deer killed by firearms must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after the close of the season in which the deer was killed. Season dates are listed on pages 38-41.

Archery Deer Registration:

- Location:** **All** deer killed by archery hunters must be registered in the unit of kill or the adjoining unit.
- Deadline:** All deer killed by archery hunters must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on the third day after the deer was killed.

Zone T - Special Deer Hunting Regulations:

(Applies to Zone T units only)

Zone T special season structure will be held in the following deer management units in 2002: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29A, 34, 35, 36, 47, 49B, 51A, 51B, 54C, 59D, 61, 62B, 63A, 63B, 65B, 66, 67A, 67B, 68A, 70A, 70E, 72, 74A, 75C, 75D, 78, 80A, 80B, and 81. See pages 32-33 for a map of DMUs.

Archery deer in Zone T units SOUTH of State Highway 8

(See map on pages 32-33)

- September 14 – October 23, October 28 – November 21, December 2 – December 11, and December 16 – January 3, one deer either sex per archery license, plus additional antlerless deer per Zone T or bonus tag.
- October 24 – October 27, and December 12 – December 15, antlerless deer only, with archery license or Zone T or bonus antlerless tag. **Exception:** areas of Zone T units west of the Burlington Northern Railroad, will remain either-sex for archers October 24 – October 27 – Antlerless deer only, with archery license or Zone T or bonus antlerless tag.

Archery deer in Zone T units NORTH of State Highway 8

(See map on pages 32-33)

- September 14 – October 23, October 28 – November 21, December 2 – January 3, One either sex deer per archery license plus additional antlerless deer per Zone T or bonus tag.
- October 24 – October 27 – Antlerless deer only, with archery license or Zone T or bonus antlerless tag.

Gun deer in Zone T units

- October 24 - October 27 and **December 12 - 15** (*Only in those units south of Hwy. 8 – See Map on page 32*) - Antlerless deer only, with a regular gun deer carcass tag or antlerless Zone T or bonus tag.
 - November 23 – December 1 - One deer of either-sex per gun deer license plus additional antlerless deer per Zone T or bonus antlerless tag.
- Note: Legal firearms** (Oct. 24-27 and Dec. 12-15) are the same as those allowed during the regular gun deer season beginning November 23rd.

Muzzleloader in Zone T units

- December 2 - 11 (one deer of either sex per unused gun deer license plus additional antlerless deer per permit)

Tag Use and Availability in Zone T Deer Management Units

- One Free Zone T Antlerless Deer Permit will be issued with the purchase of each deer-related license, for a maximum of two free tags, if a hunter purchases both a gun deer and an archery license, or a Conservation Patron's License.
- These free antlerless permits will be issued automatically with each deer-related license purchased, and **may be filled in any Zone T unit during any open deer season in that unit.** Hunters who wish to acquire more antlerless tags for use in Zone T units may purchase **unit-specific** Bonus Antlerless Permits at any license vendor beginning in mid-September (\$12 each for residents and \$20 each for non-residents).

Zone T Firearm, Muzzleloader and Archery Seasons Registration

- Deer harvested during the four-day October gun hunt must be registered in the Deer Management unit of kill or an adjacent unit, no later than 5:00 PM on October 28, and deer harvested during the four-day December gun hunt must be registered no later than 5:00 PM on December 16.
- Regular season registration requirements apply to the nine-day gun deer season, November 23 – December 1 and the muzzleloader season, December 2 - 11.
- Deer harvested during the archery season must be registered by 5:00 PM on the third day after the deer was killed.
- All archery killed deer must be registered in the Deer Management Unit of kill or in an adjoining unit.

Area West of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Tracks (BNSF).

- Deer gun hunting in Zone T units during the October 24 - 27 herd control hunt is prohibited in the area west of the BNSF. (Archery is open there).
- During this four-day period, Archery deer hunting on private, state and federal lands open to hunting west of the BNSF railroad tracks will be either-sex.
- Portions of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge open to hunting are also open to deer hunting during the archery, regular firearm and muzzleloader seasons. However, refuge closed areas will not open to deer hunting until the day after the duck season closes.

Waterfowl Refuges and Closed Areas

Deer gun hunting in closed areas on state and federal refuges varies. Contact your local DNR office for information on hunting state refuges or contact the refuge manager listed in the special hunts section for specific regulations regarding federal wildlife and fish refuges.

Blaze Orange Clothing

Blaze orange clothing requirements apply to all hunters except waterfowl hunters during all open firearm seasons and hunts, including the October 24 - October 27 and December 12 - 15 herd control hunts, the October 26th Youth deer hunt in all non-Zone T units, the November 23 – December 1 gun deer season and the December 2 - 11 muzzleloader season. Deer hunters should always be aware that waterfowl hunters and other people may be present, and caution should be exercised. ***Always be sure of your target and beyond!***

Zone T State Park Hunting

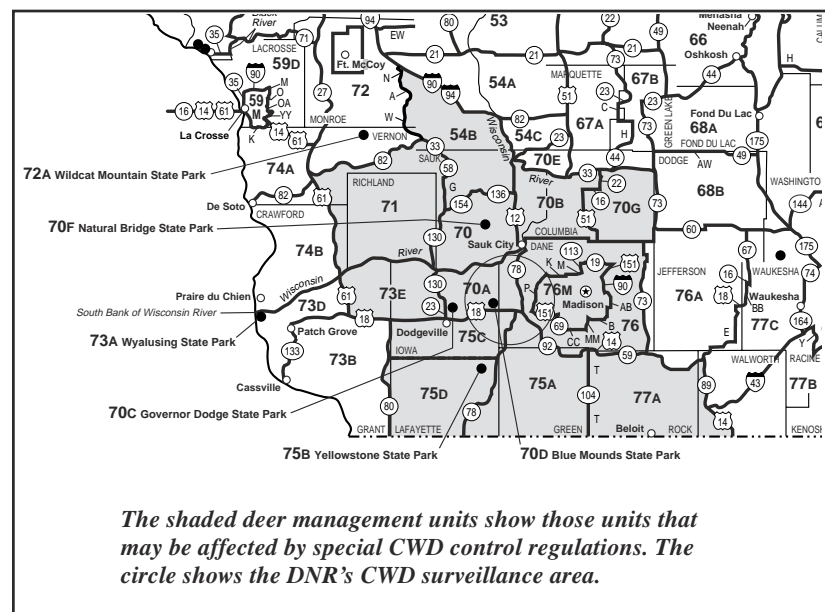
- State Park Deer Management Units will not participate in Zone T season extensions. However, Zone T Antlerless Permits will be available for use in Zone T-designated parks. Hunting access to these properties is by limited draw only. Those interested in hunting these parks must apply through the Hunter's Choice/Bonus Antlerless Permit Application process by July 20 (\$3 application sticker required). Special hours and area restrictions may apply within the parks; this information will be mailed to successful applicants.
- State Parks that are not separate Deer Management Units, but fall within Zone T units, will also not participate in Zone T season extensions. Free Zone T Antlerless Permits will be available for use in these parks during their regular deer hunting seasons.

Chronic Wasting Disease Update

Special Chronic Wasting Disease Regulation Changes

At the time we were required to publish and print this regulation pamphlet, the department had just received the results from the 516 deer sampled in March 2002. As a result of this timing and the time required to gather public input and develop rules, the special regulations required to reduce the spread of the disease were still undetermined.

Therefore, hunters intending to hunt deer or other game in any of the 13 deer management units shaded below (54B, 70, 70A, 70B, 70G, 71, 73E, 75A, 75C, 75D, 76, 76M, 77A) and State Park units (70C, 70D, 70F, 75B) should refer to the Special DNR CWD Regulation pamphlet, which will be available in the summer of 2002 to see which special regulations will be in effect for the 2002 deer season and how much of these deer management units will be affected. Special regulations will be necessary a reasonable distance out from the known infected area (circle on map below), due to the uncertainty in the extent of the disease distribution and to minimize the further spread of the disease. These special regulations will likely affect small game, turkey, archery deer, gun deer and muzzleloader hunting in these units.



Background

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) was detected in samples taken from three deer registered during Wisconsin's November 2001 Deer Gun Season. All three deer were killed in Deer Management Unit 70A.

Since the disease was discovered, the DNR has tested an additional 516 deer from the surveillance area. Eleven of these tested positive for CWD.

What is CWD?

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a disease threat to North American deer and elk populations. CWD is a brain disease related to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, also known as "Mad Cow Disease." CWD affects elk, mule, black-tailed and white-tailed deer. It has been diagnosed in wild deer and elk primarily in northeastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming and adjacent Nebraska, but has been found in captive elk in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Saskatchewan, Alberta and South Dakota. Researchers are just beginning to understand CWD. CWD appears to be caused by an abnormal protein called a prion. CWD likely is spread by close contact between animals, and animals exposed to a CWD-contaminated environment may also become infected. CWD is fatal to deer.

Is CWD a Human Health Hazard?

The World Health Organization has said there is no scientific evidence CWD can infect humans. However, WHO also says no part of a deer or elk with evidence of CWD should be eaten by people or other animals. Over 16 years of monitoring in the infected area in Colorado has found no disease in people living there.

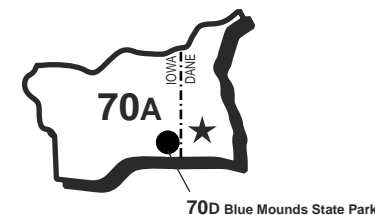
How can I tell if a Deer is Sick When I'm Hunting?

Usually, months to years pass from when the animal is infected to when it shows signs of disease. Classic CWD signs in deer/elk 18 months or older include poor body condition, tremors, stumbling, increased salivation, difficulty swallowing, and excessive thirst or urination. There is currently no approved method to test a live animal for CWD; the brain from a recently dead animal is examined microscopically. However, there are only seven laboratories in the U.S. accredited to test for CWD.

What is the DNR Doing to Control the Spread of the Disease?

To get up to date information on the disease, sampling and eradication efforts, visit the DNR's CWD website <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/whealth/issues/CWD/> or contact your local DNR Service Center.

The star represents the location of the original positive samples identified as a result of CWD surveillance testing in November 2001.



State Park Hunting

Small Game

Other than a few State Parks open to limited turkey hunting, there are no parks open to other small game hunting at this time. The DNR is currently evaluating the feasibility of allowing limited small game hunting in selected State Parks.

Archery Deer

Deer hunting during the EARLY and LATE BOW SEASONS is allowed in:

- Buckhorn State Park
- Plum Island part of Grand Traverse Island State Park
- Part of Big Bay State Park - (Beginning on October 15th)
- Rock Island State Park (Unit 81) - (Beginning on October 15th)
- Mill Bluff State Park - (Beginning on October 15th)

Deer hunting during the LATE BOW SEASON ONLY is allowed in:

1. Devil's Lake state park
2. Elroy-Sparta state trail
3. Hartman Creek state park
4. Interstate state park
5. Kinnickinnic state park
6. Mirror Lake state park
7. Tuscobia-Park Falls state trail
8. Willow River state park
9. Rocky Arbor state park
10. Newport state park (December Portion only)

Deer hunting during the LATE BOW SEASON is allowed ONLY BY PERMIT* in the following State Parks Units:

1. Burnet Island - Unit 23A
2. Rib Mountain - Unit 57D
3. Harrington Beach - Unit 69C
4. Council Grounds - Unit 52A (December portion of season only)
5. Yellowstone - Unit 75B
6. Wildcat Mountain - Unit 72A

* Those interested in hunting the properties/Units that require a permit must apply through the Hunters Choice/Bonus Antlerless Permit Application process by **July 20th** (a \$3 application sticker required). See pages 38-39 for season dates.

Special hours and area restrictions may apply within these state parks; this information will be mailed to successful applicants.

TV Show for Kids

Into the Outdoors is DNR's Emmy Award winning TV show for kids. The half-hour program is hosted by kids who use the Internet to find other kids their age doing outdoor activities and learning about the environment. The show is linked to *EEK!*, DNR's web site for kids, and airs on weekend mornings. See local TV listings for times and stations.



Zone T Season - In State Park Units

State Park Deer Management Units will not participate in Zone T season extensions (Oct. or Dec.). However, Free Zone T Antlerless Permits will be available for use in Zone T designated parks during the Nov. 23 - Dec. 1 season dates.

Gun Deer

Deer hunting during the November 23-December 1, 2002 season is allowed and NO SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED in the following State Parks:

(must check with Park staff for information on any closed areas within these parks)

1. Devil's Lake state park
2. Elroy-Sparta state trail
3. Hartman Creek state park
4. Interstate state park
5. Kinnickinnic state park
6. Mirror Lake state park
7. Mill Bluff state park
8. Newport state park
9. Rock Island state park
10. Rocky Arbor state park
11. Tuscobia-Park Falls state trail
12. Willow River state park
13. Part of Big Bay state park
14. Plum Island part of Grand Traverse Island State Park

Deer hunting during the November 23-December 1, 2002 gun season is allowed BY PERMIT ONLY* in the following State Parks Units:

1. Council Grounds - Unit 52A
2. Natural Bridge - Unit 70F
3. Wyalusing state park - Unit 73A

* Those interested in hunting the properties/Units that require a permit must apply through the Hunters Choice/Bonus Antlerless Permit Application process by **July 20th** (a \$3 application sticker required).

Note: If group hunting in these parks, all members of the hunting party must possess a valid Hunter's Choice Permit for that property.

Muzzleloader Only Deer Hunting

Deer hunting with muzzleloaders allowed only during the 9-day gun deer season BY PERMIT ONLY in the following State Parks Units:**

1. Blue Mound - Unit 70D
2. Burnet Island - Unit 23A
3. Governor Dodge - Unit 70C
4. Harrington Beach - Unit 69C
5. Peninsula - Unit 80C
6. Rib Mountain - Unit 57D
7. Wildcat Mountain - Unit 72A
8. Yellowstone - Unit 75B
9. Perrot - Unit 61A
10. Loew Lake Unit-KMSF - Unit 77D

Those interested in hunting these 10 properties must apply through the Hunters Choice/Bonus Antlerless Permit Application process by **July 20th (a \$3 application sticker required). Muzzleloader Season dates vary, see pages 38-39 for season dates.

Special hours and area restrictions may apply within these state parks; this information will be mailed to successful applicants of properties requiring a permit.

State-Owned Lands (Including State Forests)

It is illegal to:

- hunt or possess any firearm or bow in any wildlife refuge or possess any firearm, air gun, slingshot or bow in any state park, state fish hatchery, or within 100 yards of any state campground or picnic area (except as posted open to deer hunting) unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or in the case of a bow/crossbow, unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- pursue, drive or chase animals on lands under the ownership or control of the DNR that are closed to hunting.
- build or use a ground blind or any elevated device on lands owned or under the control of the DNR unless it does not damage the tree and it is completely removed from the property each day at the close of hunting hours. This also includes lands enrolled in the Managed Forest Law (MFL) and Forest Crop Law (FCL) programs, however this does not apply to the landowners of land enrolled in the program or those who have the landowner's authorization.
Note: Ground blinds may be constructed entirely of dead vegetation found on the property. All national forest lands, federal refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas are protected by similar rules. For lands under county ownership, check local ordinances.
- damage trees on state-owned lands including MFL and FCL lands.
Note: Cutting shooting lanes and use of screw-in tree-stands or steps are considered damaging and are illegal.
- possess any loaded or uncased firearm or air gun while within the exterior boundary of state-owned lands posted with department signs in Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Sauk, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties or on state forest lands in the Kettle Moraine or Point Beach state forests, state recreation areas or on state trails established on abandoned railroad grades, except as follows:
 1. while engaged in hunting in accordance with the open seasons listed on pages 10 – 21 and 38-41.
 2. while shooting at an established target range (this is the only target shooting permitted on state-lands).
 3. while training dogs under department permit within designated areas.
- camp on any state lands except in designated campgrounds unless a special camp registration permit is obtained from the DNR prior to setting up camp.
- allow dogs to run on DNR lands from April 15 through July 31 unless the dog is on a leash no longer than 8 feet. This rule does not apply to class 1 field trial grounds or DNR lands open to dog training.

Group deer hunting law

Group Hunting: It is illegal to kill game for another person EXCEPT that during a **deer firearm season only**, any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the party if they are all hunting with firearms. Members of a group deer hunting party should also agree in advance that a tag holder is willing to use their tag on a deer killed by another member of the party.

The following conditions are established by law to ensure that hunters are actively participating in the hunt, are in the field and do not harvest more deer than the group has tags for:

1. A group deer hunting party must be at least 2 or more hunters who are hunting together in the same area.
2. Each hunter must be using a firearm and be licensed to hunt deer. Other hunters may not shoot antlerless deer for first time hunter education graduates who are using their Hunter Education card as a permit for antlerless deer. Hunter education graduates may use group hunting to harvest a deer under a hunters choice or bonus permit issued by the DNR.
3. When the deer is killed, the hunter who kills the deer must be in either voice or visual contact with the hunter who will tag the deer. Loss of voice or visual contact for a reasonable time due to terrain or weather conditions is acceptable.
4. Hunters may not use cellular phones, radio communications or other mechanical or electronic amplifying devices, (except hearing aids) to get someone to tag a deer. ***It is legal to use electronic devices for any reason other than getting someone to tag a deer.***
5. The hunter for whom the deer is killed must possess a current, unused gun deer carcass tag.
6. The hunter killing the deer may not leave the deer unattended until after the deer is tagged and the tag is validated according to the deer carcass tagging instructions. A hunter is considered to be attending the deer if the hunter can see the deer.
7. Group hunting requires all participants to possess firearms, therefore, convicted felons cannot participate in group deer hunting or allow use of their tag by any one else. Deer drivers are not required to possess firearms or hunting licenses.
8. The above conditions describe a legal group deer hunting party. Hunters must all be present and hunting together in the same area to be a part of a group deer hunting party. Hunters may not kill deer for persons who are at home, work, school, camp or at other locations apart from the area where the hunter killed the deer.

Special Hunts

Badger Army Ammunition Plant: For hunting information send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Commander's Representative, Badger Army Ammunition Plant, ATTN: SMCBA-NR, Baraboo, WI 53913-5000.

Volk Field Military Facility/Deer Hunting: For information send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope (8 3/4" X 3 3/4") to: Attn: Natural Resources Management, Volk Field ANGB, 100 Independence Dr., Camp Douglas, WI 54618-5001. Website: www.volkfield.ang.af.mil/dnrden/index.html.

Special Hunts *continued*

Fort McCoy Military Reservation: Applications for hunting permits may be obtained by calling (608) 388-3337 or writing to: Directorate of Training and Mobilization, AFRC-FM-TMR-B (Permit Sales), 110 E. Headquarters Rd., Fort McCoy WI 54656-5226. Contact office for information on when applications will be sent out and when they are due back.

Apostle Islands/Muzzleloader Deer: Permits are required to participate in the Oct. 1-31 muzzleloader season on Oak and Basswood Islands. Apply between June 15 and July 15 on special application forms, which can be obtained by writing: Superintendent, Apostle Islands National Lake Shore, Rt. 1, Box 4, Bayfield, WI 54814 or call 715-779-3397. Madeline and Long Islands are open to regular statewide seasons; all others are closed.

Horicon NWR: (Dodge/Fond du Lac Counties) offers archery, shotgun deer and small game hunting. For details, write to Horicon NWR, Refuge Manager, W4279 Headquarters Rd., Mayville, WI 53050 or call 920-387-2658.

Fox River NWR: (Marquette County) offers limited deer hunting. Gun deer hunting during the Oct. 24-27 deer herd control hunt is prohibited. Contact the Horicon NWR Refuge Manager (see above).

Necedah NWR: (Juneau County) offers deer, migratory bird, wild turkey, and limited small game hunting (coyote hunting is not allowed). For details, write the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Necedah NWR, ATTN: Refuge Manager, Necedah, WI 54646 or call 608-565-2551.

Trempealeau NWR: (Trempealeau County) offers gun deer hunting and late season archery under refuge permit. For details, write to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Trempealeau NWR, ATTN: Refuge Manager, W28488 Refuge Rd., Trempealeau, WI 54661-8272 or call 608-539-2311.

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge: Portions of the refuge are open to hunting with the following exceptions: On areas posted "NO HUNTING ZONE" all hunting is prohibited. On areas posted "AREA CLOSED" all migratory bird hunting, including ducks, geese, brant, crows, doves, woodcock, snipe, rails, coots and gallinules is prohibited. Other hunting is allowed beginning the day after the close of the duck season. On OPEN HUNTING AREAS, all hunting is prohibited from March 16 until the opening of the fall hunting seasons except spring turkey hunting is allowed. For more information, contact: Refuge Headquarters, 51 East 4th Street, Room 101, Winona, MN 55987, or phone (507) 452-4231.

Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA): WPA's are located around the state. For more information on public use areas and additional hunting restrictions contact the US Fish and Wildlife Service in the Northwest at 715-246-7784 or in the Southeast at 920-387-0336 or in the West at (715) 839-3700.

Note: Only non-toxic shot may be possessed on the Horicon and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuges and on federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas.

Wildlife Damage Program:

Wisconsin has two separate but related programs that assist farmers when wildlife damage their agricultural crops. The Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) provides damage prevention assistance and partial compensation to farmers when wildlife damage their agricultural crops. Through a second program, the agricultural damage shooting permit program, wildlife managers issue special permits to farmers experiencing severe agricultural damage for removal of wildlife (primarily deer) causing damage. To receive shooting permits, farmers are required to enroll in the WDACP. These programs provide two types of hunting opportunities.

1. **Hunting access during open seasons:** Farmers enrolled in the WDACP provide hunting access to the public for the species they are enrolled for (generally deer) during the regular open hunting season(s) for that species. Farmers have two options for providing access to hunters during the open seasons:
 - **Managed Access:** The farmer can limit access to 2 hunters per 40 acres of land suitable for hunting. (Open fields are not considered land suitable for hunting). All hunters must ask permission from the farmer prior to hunting and must sign in on the hunter's log book. This is the most common option chosen by farmers.
 - **Open Access:** Any number of hunters may hunt on the farmer's land during the open season. All hunters must notify the farmer of their intent to hunt on the farmer's land.
2. **Hunting under a farmer's agricultural deer damage shooting permit:** Farmers who receive agricultural deer damage shooting permits **have the option** to provide some of their tags to hunters who would like to help them shoot *antlerless deer* that are damaging their crops. Again, farmers are not required to allow hunters to use their damage tags. The permits are valid both inside and outside of the regular hunting seasons.

Remember . . .

1. *During the regular season—Farmers **must** allow a certain number of hunters, access to their property to hunt.*
2. *Outside of the regular season—Farmers **may** allow you to help them fill their damage tags.*

To receive the complete list of all farmers enrolled in the WDACP in a specific county, visit our website at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/damage/>. The information is free. To receive more information about the WDACP or obtain the statewide list of only those farmers with deer damage shooting permits, visit our website at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/damage/> or call 608-266-5463.

Farmers in either program cannot charge any fees for hunting!

Please be courteous to farmers!

Call ahead to plan your hunt, and please refrain from calling them after 8p.m.

Wisconsin's Amphibian and Reptile Regulations

These regulations apply to native Wisconsin amphibian and reptile (herptile) species, regardless of their origin. **Note:** No non-resident harvest or possession is allowed, except for unprotected aquatic turtles.

Protected Species

Endangered and threatened species (including parts and all life stages) may not be collected, dead or alive, or possessed without first having a valid Endangered Species Permit. Permits are issued only for selected education, research, and conservation activities. (Contact the Bureau of Endangered Resources for a list of Endangered and Threatened species). Other protected species include the bullsnake, black rat snake, racers and timber rattlesnake (**Note:** Timber rattlesnakes may only be killed in immediate life-threatening situation involving a threat to human life or domestic animals but their body parts may not be possessed.). These may not be collected or killed in Wisconsin.

License Requirements

A fishing or small game license is required to take or possess amphibians and reptiles.

Seasons

Frogs: The open frog season runs from the Saturday nearest May 1 through December 31. There is no open season for bullfrogs in Jefferson County.

Turtles: The open turtle season runs from July 15 through November 30. Turtles or turtle eggs may not be taken during the closed season.

Other Herptiles: There are no closed seasons for amphibians and reptiles not listed in the following paragraphs.

Possession Limits

Persons may collect or possess up to 5 individuals of each unprotected native herptile species, with the following exceptions:

- Up to 2 eastern milk snakes and 2 western fox snakes may be collected or possessed.
- Up to 2 black rat snakes, 2 bullsnakes, and 2 yellow-bellied (blue) racers may be possessed if legally obtained from out of state.
- There are no possession limits for herptiles not listed as endangered and threatened that are atypically colored or atypically patterned (e.g., albinos, striped snakes that are typically blotched).
- Eastern tiger salamanders, mudpuppies, and northern leopard frogs, may be collected and possessed in unlimited numbers if the collector or possessor has a valid Commercial Herptile Permit.
- There is a 3-month grace period on the possession limit for unprotected native lizards and snakes that are born in captivity and that bring the possession limit above the legal limit for a species. The offspring must be given away within 3 months of their birth, but they may not be sold, bartered, or traded. These offspring may not be released to the wild without first obtaining a Stocking Permit from the Department.

- A person may collect and possess up to 1 full clutch of amphibian eggs and their hatched larvae up until metamorphosis (transformation to the adult form). Only 5 adult-form individuals may be possessed, and the rest must be either given away or released in the wetland where the eggs were originally collected.

Sale Provisions

The sale of native herptiles collected within Wisconsin is restricted to 3 species: eastern tiger salamanders, mudpuppies, and northern leopard frogs. Sales of native herptiles collected or purchased from out of state are restricted to unprotected species and may be sold only within Wisconsin to education or research institutions for education or research purposes. No native herptiles, other than the three amphibians listed in this paragraph, may be sold as pets in Wisconsin. Any person or business that sells native herptiles must first possess a valid Commercial Herptile Permit. There is one exception to this paragraph. Any native herptile not listed as endangered or threatened may be sold without a permit and for any purpose if it has an atypical color or an atypical pattern (e.g., genetically manipulated specimens that exhibit aberrant colors and/or patterns, such as albinos).

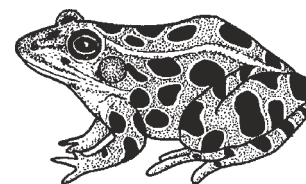
Native herptile species not listed as endangered or threatened, and that are legally imported from out of state, may be sold out of state under federal interstate commerce regulations. A Commercial Herptile Permit is required.

Commercial Herptile Permits

Commercial Herptile Permits are required for persons who possess (above the possession limit of 5 each) or sell eastern tiger salamanders, mudpuppies, or northern leopard frogs collected in Wisconsin, or for persons collecting or purchasing unprotected native herptiles from out of state for the purpose of selling them. (See sales restrictions in previous paragraph.) Permits are issued free of charge, but permit holders must first possess a resident Fishing, Small Game, Sports, or Conservation Patrons license. Persons needing a permit application should write to:

*Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Bureau of Endangered Resources
P. O. Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707*

Permit holders are required to maintain detailed records of all collections and all purchase and sale transactions. Permit holders must file an annual report that includes copies of all collection reports, purchases, and sales from the previous year, regardless of the origin of the native species collected, purchased, or sold. Reports are due by the 15th of March following the year of activity and should be sent to the above address.



Definitions:

Amphibians are cold-blooded, smooth-skinned vertebrates of the class Amphibia and includes all life stages.

Assisting for the purpose of bear hunting (Class B license required) means helping a Class A bear harvest permit holder hunt bear by handling dogs, tracking, trailing or locating the bear, baiting bear or otherwise aiding the Class A permit holder. You do not need to be with a bear harvest permit holder to place bear bait.

Bait means honey or any solid or non-liquid material attractive to wildlife.

Bow means any bow, drawn and held by and through the effort of the person releasing it, but does not include crossbow.

Crossbow means any device using a bow which, once drawn, is held solely by means other than the effort of the person firing it. **Note:** *Draw-Loc type mechanisms that can hold a compound bow at full draw are considered crossbows.*

Daily bag or bag limit means the total number of a particular game species that a person may harvest in one day, no matter how long or often they hunted that day. Except for the provisions permitting group bagging of deer during the firearm deer season (page 55), no one can exceed or attempt to exceed their daily bag limit to assist another hunter to fill their bag limit.

Enclosed within a carrying case for firearms means a firearm must be completely contained in a gun case expressly made for that purpose. The case must fully enclose the firearm by being zipped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened, with no portion of the firearm exposed. Homemade cases are legal if they conform to this definition.

Furbearing animal means beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, and weasel.

Game animals include deer, moose, elk, bear, rabbits, squirrels, fox and raccoon.

Game birds includes wild geese, brant, wild ducks, wild swan, rails, coots, gallinules, snipe, woodcock, plovers, sandpipers, ruffed grouse, prairie chicken, sharp-tailed grouse, pheasants, Hungarian partridge, Chukar partridge, bobwhite, quail, crows and wild turkey.

Handgun means a weapon designed and intended to be fired while held in one hand and to use the energy of an explosive to expel a projectile through a smooth or rifled bore.

Harvest Information Program (HIP): To hunt migratory game birds in Wisconsin, each year, hunters first have to be HIP registered at a license outlet. No individual may hunt any species of migratory game bird including mourning doves, until registered with the department and all hunters must have in their possession proof of registration while hunting migratory game birds.

Herptile: amphibians and reptiles collectively.

Highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road.

Hunt or hunting includes shooting, shooting at, pursuing, taking, catching, or killing any wild animal.

Liquid scent means any nonsolid material (excluding honey) which flows freely and takes the shape of its container at a temperature of 70 degrees F.

Migratory game birds means any bird which is migratory and on which an open season has been prescribed in this chapter and belonging to one of the following families:

- (a) Anatidae. (wild ducks, geese and brant),
- (b) Rallidae. (rails, coots and gallinules),
- (c) Scolopacidae. (woodcock and Wilson's snipe (jacksnipe)).

Muzzleloader means any caliber of muzzleloading firearm discharged from the shoulder.

Native: means any indigenous and occurring, or having occurred, naturally within the boundaries of the this state, regardless of whether a particular specimen originates outside of this state.

Nonquota unit is a unit that has an antlerless deer harvest quota of zero deer meaning that there are no hunter choice, antlerless, bonus or Zone T permits available.

Possession limit means the total number of a particular game species that a person may possess at a given time.

Protected species means the following mammals, reptiles and birds which may not be hunted, trapped, or possessed without first obtaining proper DNR authorization: All endangered and threatened species. Mammals—Badger, Canada lynx, cougar, elk, flying squirrel, marten, moose, timber wolf, white deer (all white except for the hooves, tarsal glands, head and parts of the head), wolverine, woodchucks (see landowner exemption, page 9). Reptiles—black rat snake, bull snake, timber rattlesnake and yellow-bellied (blue) racer. Birds—all wild birds (including song birds and blackbirds) not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping and migratory bird regulation pamphlets are protected.

Public road means those roads shown on the current, official county highway map available from the Department of Transportation.

Reptiles are cold-blooded, scaled vertebrates of the class Reptilia and includes all life stages.

Roadway means the portion of the public road which is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.

Shotgun means a smoothbore barreled firearm designed to shoot shotshells. Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18" in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are in the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20 and 28.

Unloaded means any of the following:

1. Having no shell or cartridge in the chamber of a firearm or in the magazine, clip, or cylinder attached to a firearm.
2. Having the cap removed from a percussion muzzleloading firearm.
3. Having the flashpan cleaned of powder from a flint lock muzzleloading firearm.

Unprotected species means mammals and birds which can be hunted year-round without bag limits or hunting hours restrictions and includes starling, English (house) sparrow, chukar partridge, coturnix quail, opossum, skunk, weasel, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping, and migratory game bird regulations pamphlets. A hunting or trapping license is required and normal hunting and trapping hours apply. Note: Grackles, red-winged blackbirds and cowbirds may not be hunted for recreation purposes. They may be killed without a federal permit ONLY IF they are causing damage or are about to cause damage to trees, crops, livestock, or wildlife or unless they are concentrated in large numbers that may constitute a health hazard or other nuisance. Crows may also be killed without a federal permit in these situations.

Your Investment in Wisconsin's Fish and Wildlife 2000-2001

Tracking the Fish & Wildlife Account

Fish & Wildlife account
\$85.5 million
17.2%



\$498 million
total DNR
costs FY01

How the Fish & Wildlife account money gets spent ...

1. Wildlife

- 24.5¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$19.0 million Total • 158 Staff
- 19% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Improve habitat and manage non-game species, manage public lands, develop regulations, issue permits, reimburse farmers, stock game species, inform and educate the public, conduct research and monitor diseases, pay program operations costs.

2. Fish

- 27.5¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$21.2 million Total • 267 Staff
- 32% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Evaluate fish populations and conduct research, rear and stock fish, protect and improve habitat, inform and educate the public, develop rules and regulations, pay program operations costs.

3. Enforcement

- 17.7¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$13.7 million Total • 136 Staff
- 17% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Enforce fishing, hunting and trapping laws, inform and educate the public, provide hunter education program, manage car-killed deer disposal, pay program operations costs.

4. Facilities & Lands

- 11.0¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$8.6 million Total • 66 Staff
- 8% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Acquire public hunting grounds, fisheries properties and boating access sites, plan for public use of lands and facilities, manage

and maintain dnr lands, design and build recreational and public use facilities.

5. Licenses

- 7.3¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$5.6 million Total • 65 Staff
- 8% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Sell hunting, fishing, trapping licenses, issue special wildlife harvest permits, license game farms, inform and educate the public, pay program operations costs.

6. Regional Management

- 3.9¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$3.0 million Total • 37 Staff
- 5% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Maintain contact with local government and conservation groups on fish & wildlife issues, direct geographic management unit staff and work, develop and lead geographic management unit partnership teams, oversee consistency of decisions and policies across regions.

7. Administration

- 8.1¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$6.3 million Total • 90 Staff
- 11% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Meet with fishing and hunting organizations, government agencies, legislators and the public, provide legal services, administer programs funded by fish and wildlife account, manage collective bargaining, recruiting and hiring, provide computer support and computerized mapping services, pay bills and manage payroll, benefits and financial records, communicate with media, citizens and teachers, manage and distribute grants, provide mail services and distribute publications.

The \$77.4 million Fish & Wildlife account comes from the following sources of revenue:

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|---|------|
| Fishing and hunting licenses and stamps | 66% |
| Misc. grants, donations and other sources | 11% |
| SFR (Sport Fish Restoration federal aid) | 7% |
| PR (Pittman Robertson federal wildlife aid) | 8% |
| Wildlife damage surcharge | 8% |
| Total | 100% |

Questions?

Call the DNR Service Center nearest you.

Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

**For updated information about deer season issues call the
WI DNR Hunting Season Information Line 1-800-282-0367**

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| South Central Region (Madison) | 608-275-3266 |
| Dodgeville | 608-935-3368 |
| Horicon | 920-387-7860 |
| Janesville | 608-743-4800 |
| Poynette | 608-635-8110 |
| Southeast Region (Milwaukee) | 414-263-8500 |
| Hartford (Pike Lake) | 262-670-3400 |
| Kettle Moraine State Forest (North) | 262-626-2116 |
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| Waukesha | 262-574-2100 |
| West Central Region (Eau Claire) | 715-839-3700 |
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| Ladysmith | 715-532-3911 |
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| Rhineland | 715-365-8900 |
| Superior | 715-392-7988 |
| Spooner | 715-635-2101 |
| Woodruff | 715-356-5211 |
| Northeast Region (Green Bay) | 920-492-5800 |
| Oshkosh | 920-424-3050 |
| Peshtigo | 715-582-5000 |
| Sturgeon Bay | 920-746-2860 |
| Wautoma | 920-787-4686 |

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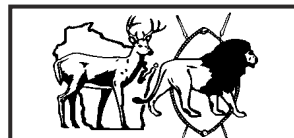


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